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THE NEXT WAR FENG YU-HSIANG AND NANKING? SEMI-FINAL ROUND

Kwangsi Faction "Not Done Yet" Despite Defeat

DANGER ZONE COMES NEARER TO CANTON

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Although the present war has not concluded yet and hostilities have been rendered short by Nanking's overwhelming victory, it is of first importance to discuss the next campaign because it must come sooner or later—just as the present outbreak was predicted.

Smashing is the only adjective to apply to the defeat of the Kwangsi faction. But this removes only one of the contenders in a preliminary set-to. The competition is, however, nearing its end and the semi-final, provided events take their logical course, ought to be between Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") and whoever dominates the central administration (in Nanking) of the Nationalist Party and the National Government.

Kwangsi is "not yet done" by any means. True, two out of four provinces held (Hupeh and Hunan) have been wrested from the Kwangsi faction. Kwangtung has changed colour in the crisis. Marshal Li Chai-sum has been placed in custody and supplanted in Canton. Much vigour and talent survive, however, together with a capacity for biding time.

IMMATURE CONCEPTION

I must confess now to a sneaking wish—the father to the thought—that nobody would risk nationwide condemnation for daring to invoke a breach of the peace. That is why I have said all along that, no matter the provocation, war would be avoided and settlement by compromise prevail over any preference for trial by combat.

Before dealing with the ambitions of the "Christian General" vis-a-vis Nanking, it is necessary to sum up the position the Kwangsi faction occupies in its darkest hour. But I must emphasise I am not writing their swan song.

From very humble origin in 1926, as subordinates of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek when he set out from Canton in the summer of 1926 to conquer the North, the Kwangsi faction rose to a commanding position in the counsels of the nation, with an equivalent military strength in the provinces.

That there are brains in the faction cannot be disputed. What provincial ruler in Canton, be he Cantonese or otherwise, has eradicated brigandage like Marshal Li Chai-sum has done?

Not Forgiven

In 1927, General Li Tsung-jea and General Pei Chung-hsi (who were in charge in Hankow until recently and have now returned to Kwangsi) were to a large extent responsible for forcing Chiang Kai-shek to resign, if only for a few months. Of course Chiang Kai-shek never forgave them.

Having fought the length, if not the breadth, of the 18 provinces of China Proper, the Kwangsi faction settled down to consolidate its position in Hupeh, Hunan, Kwangsi and Kwangtung. Hunan was the weak link. In trying to remedy the structure there, the Kwangsi faction (or, to be strictly correct, the subordinates on the spot) committed the first serious error of judgment and thereby precipitated war with Nanking—when not ready to fight and, in the vernacular, was caught bending. Immature conception has brought dire peril in its train.

Credit must be given to the Kwangsi big four for recognising the inevitable forthwith and thereupon swallowing big doses of humble pie from Nanking in a frantic but unavailing attempt to avert hostilities.

Inspired "Cheek"

Since it is obvious that the Kwangsiites desired real progress as much as anybody else, why did they go out of their way to "cheek" Nanking? The answer is that they were inspired to do so as a matter of considered policy. Why?

First of all there were the Rightist, Conservative and Moderate politicians in Nanking, some of whom have scurried like rats from the sinking ship "Kwangsi." These politicians wanted to keep their positions secure from the Extremists. Then there was also indirect inspiration. The Kwangsi faction, even if it did not arrive at a tacit understanding with the leader of any other military

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WU-HAN SALUTES THE VICTOR

KWANGSI COLLAPSE

DEFEATED UNITS GOING WEST OR SOUTH?

NANKING NAVY'S ARRIVAL

Twenty-one guns were fired in the salute by the triple cities of Wu-Han to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government in Nanking, on the latter's arrival, backed up by the Nationalist Navy, at Hankow as the conquering hero.

The Kwangsi units formerly in Wu-Han are now on the run. Observers state specifically that they are coming southward to Hunan, which adjoins Kwangsi and Kwangtung. Their doing so will bring the war zone nearer Hong Kong to the disadvantage of trade. But the points mentioned in the Kwangsi rout can also indicate that their eyes are turned towards the west, for instance, Szechuan, and not the south.

Lukewarm Welcome
A Royal Naval communiqué issued this morning states that the panic in Hankow on the night of April 4 subsided early the next morning.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, preceded by four gunboats, arrived at Hankow at 6 p.m. on April 5, and the gunboats fired a salute of 21 guns on his arrival.

Then the advance guard of Nanking troops despatched to take over control, were landed from two steamers belonging to the China Merchants S.N. Co.

The crowds in the streets to welcome the victor were not big and the demonstration was feeble; but this may have been due to the heavy rains which, however, helped to preserve order.

No further trouble is expected.

The greater part of the Kwangsi armies of Wu-Han, the communiqué adds, other than the men who have already gone over to the winning side, are clear of the city of Hankow by now and are going west into Hunan.

Strong Evidence
An overnight British wireless service report from London reads:

"The Admiralty states that any danger to foreigners which may have existed in Hankow should now be over as the Nanking forces are expected to enter that city today (April 5). The panic of the night of April 4 has entirely subsided."

Stragglers' Fate
At 11 a.m. yesterday Reuter's correspondent in Hankow reported:—"The situation is remarkably peaceful."

The major portion of the Kwangsi troops retreated directly towards Tsaitin (on the Yangtze, above, i.e. west of, Hankow), to march into Hunan province, and only a few hundred stragglers from the front came into Hankow.

These stragglers were promptly disarmed by the authorities maintaining order pro tem until the visitors' arrival to take over.

"Kung Ken, a former Commissioner for Civil Affairs in Hupeh

Province, has organised a Peace Preservation Corps which is effectively keeping order until the Nanking troops formally take over control.

"The streets are gay with bunting for the welcome of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who is expected at

Before the Final Collapse

Hankow, Yesterday.

It appears that the Kwangsi troops refused to fight on the morning of April 4 and fraternised with the "enemy."

Chinese officials at the ex-British Concession (now Special Administrative District No. 3) asked Rear-Admiral H. J. Tweedie, C.B. (Rear-Admiral and Senior Naval Officer, Yangtze), to assist in the maintenance of order as they feared looting by the Hunanese soldiers. Rear-Admiral Tweedie undertook to give assistance where British lives and property were endangered.

British women and children living on the outskirts of Hankow were brought in without incident.

The waterfront is crowded with Chinese refugees endeavouring to enter the French Concession. Rear-Admiral Tweedie has not been called upon and the panic has subsided.—Reuter.

Kwangsiites' Vanish
Hankow, 2.40 p.m. (Yesterday).
The situation has completely

CAR RIDE SEQUEL

FIVE BORDERERS PRIVES CONVICTED

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS

"I should have thought very much better of you if you had owned up to the charge. I should have looked upon it as a frolic on your part. As it is, I shall take a very much more serious view."

Thus spoke Mr. E. W. Hamilton, First Police Magistrate, in convicting this morning Private Hegarty, Crawford, Ormiston, Bailey and Dunn, of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderer, of travelling in public motor-car No. 369 without paying the fare.

His Worship added that he was told that Crawford, Bailey, and

STAN HILL CARTOON

Stan Hill's weekly cartoon, published in the "China Mail" every Saturday, will be found on page 13 of this issue.

Lunn bore good characters and, therefore, he showed leniency towards them. These three were fined \$5 each (or 10 days in lieu). Hegarty and Ormiston were fined \$25 each (or a month).

If the fines are paid, \$5 is to be granted complainant as compensation, his Worship ordered.

Defence's Denial
The defence was a complete denial. A subaltern of the Regiment sat on the Bench with his Worship this morning.

After evidence had been given, his Worship reviewed the case, pointing out that it was reasonable for complainant not to have identified

FAIR, SOME FOG

"East winds moderate; fair, probably some fog as the forecast till noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the south coast of Kwangtung and Formosa Channel."

At 10.58 a.m. the Observatory stated:—"The anti-cyclone is now central between Tokyo and the Bonins."

four of the defendants because they sat behind. Complainant had, however, identified Ormiston as the one who sat beside him. The Shantung constable could not identify any of the five, but there was also the evidence of Corporal Mabbin, who checked the return of defendants to Mount Austin barracks.

The charge of assaulting the driver of the car at 1.25 a.m. on April 2 near Jardine's Bridge, the Peak, was dismissed.

Sub-Inspector Logan, of Mount Gough station, was in charge of the case.

CANTON STILL PAYS

\$300,000 A MONTH TO KWANGSI TROOPS

PETITION FOR MARSHAL LI

[By Our Political Correspondent]

Although Canton has to all intents and purposes shaken off the Kwangsi alliance, the authorities have decided to pay the Kwangsi troops \$300,000 a month for six months more. These troops, it will be recalled, have moved toward the northern frontier of Kwangtung since the decision to withdraw them following Canton's submission to Nanking.

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EXPRESS DERAILED

OVERTURNING OF THREE FULL CARRIAGES

RESCUE WORK DIFFICULT

Bucharest; Yesterday.

The Kissinew-Bucharest express was derailed near Buzau and three full carriages were overturned.

It is believed that 20 persons

have been killed and 50 injured.

Rescue work is most difficult

to carry out owing to the tempestuous weather and snow storms.

—Reuter.

reduced to normal and confidence has been restored.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's re-

presentative has arrived and is in

conference with the civil authori-

ties.

The whereabouts of the Kwangsi

leaders is the subject of consider-

able surmise. It is stated that

General Hu Tsung-ha has gone up

the Han River, after issuing a

circular telegram announcing his

retirement; and that General Hsia Wei has proceeded to the south of Hupeh.—Reuter.

restitution to the upsetting of the balance of nature." The Bromley kite that formerly nested near Taipo was exterminated by shoot-

ing. They were the relentless

enemies of mosquitoes during the nesting season and it is thought

that if they had not been exter-

minated they would have furnished

an effective check on the in-

crease of the mosquito population.

[Ed.—"Shovel"]

"SOUTHERN CROSS" STILL MISSING

SIX DAYS NOW

AEROPLANES MAKING FRUITLESS SEARCH

LAST SEEN MARCH 31

Sydney, Yesterday.

The "Southern Cross" has now been missing for six days.

The air liner, "Canberra," has arrived at Brokenhill from Sydney with medical stores and provisions for the missing.

Another aeroplane has spent a day in fruitless search, and the Relief Committee now believe that the "Southern Cross" landed within fifty miles of Drysdale from which town the missing were seen to fly over at 11 a.m. on March 31.—Reuter.

PARIS-SAIGON

FRENCH AVIATORS FINE FEAT

11 DAYS' TRIP

Paris, Yesterday.

The French airmen, Bally and Reginensi, have arrived at Saigon, eleven days after leaving Paris.—Reuter.

FLYING MAGNATE

VAN LEAR BLACK MAKES FORCED LANDING

AWAITS NEW SPARE PARTS

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the American flying magnate, has made a forced landing owing to engine trouble at Ventimiglia (a coast resort, near Nice) and is delayed pending the arrival of spare parts for his Fokker machine.—Reuter.

[Reuter wired on Wednesday:—Mr. Van Lear Black, the American millionaire, is due at Croydon to-morrow, after an eventless journey from Broken Hill, Africa. He will remain in London for a fortnight to enable his plane to be overhauled. Then he will fly to Tokyo via Karachi, Rangoon and Shanghai, returning via Vladivostok and Moscow. Permission to fly over Soviet territory was obtained only yesterday, after prolonged negotiation, due to the international character of the flight personnel.

On the return journey Mr. Black will follow the Trans-Siberian Railway from Vladivostok. Arrangements are being made for stops at Harbin, Chita, Barabinsk, Omsk, Moscow and Berlin.]

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An Intelligent Purpose Life never dies. The experiences it has accumulated are not lost when the form is broken. It stores them within itself and uses them as a foundation, as a mould to build new and higher, more efficient organisms. It matters little when the form perishes, the life continues, enriched by the experiences it has received through them. The evolution of forms is but one side of the process of evolution. To understand the universe thoroughly we must also make a study of the evolution of life. There is an intelligent purpose at the foundation of our universe, and that purpose rests on an invisible bedrock of Law. This law regulates and sets the stage for our repeated descent on earth.

Man is an immortal Ego, essentially Divine, bearing within himself all the goodness, the beauty, the love of his Divinity. It is to awaken these within himself, to unfold them from latency to a full and radiant manifestation, to lose himself in them, to become IT, he returns to earth again and again, clad in ever higher forms, and learns, through suffering and joy the effects of causes set going by himself, to know himself as Divine. The law is that causes set going by a man in one life work themselves out as effects in this and succeeding lives. This relationship, cause and effect, is the ruler of our destiny, and destiny is thus self made by each man and nation for himself.

A Mental Image From our physical, emotional and mental vehicles, as well as from our spiritual self go continually forth actions, desires, thoughts, aspirations and divine ideas which remain with us, as part of our consciousness. All thoughts, reflections, desires, ideas, aspirations and hopes, fleeting as they may be, leave an imprint on the mind in the shape of a mental image, and when, at death, man leaves his physical body behind, he carries away with him these mental acquisitions, which will condition his character and surroundings and "destiny" for his next life on earth. Such are the far-reaching effects of his experiences, joyous or painful; of his actions toward others, pleasure giving or harmful; of his ambitions, noble or base; of his desires, selfish or unselfish. Whatever a man sows, that he inevitably reaps, here, hereafter and on rebirth on earth. Every act, thought, desire and ideal is so much force thrown out into the Universe, to which the Universe, unfailingly reacts, and this reaction, falling in due time upon the actor, we call destiny. The threads of destiny are, therefore, of our own weaving, and while in ignorance in the past

we have created a destiny that puts undesirable limitations around us, we at any moment have the power to recreate, to send out new thoughts, to build a new destiny that will give us everything we hold desirable. By our thoughts and actions, desires and ideals do we create this destiny. Let us therefore choose right, and see that our thoughts and actions, desires and ideals deal with Truth and will bring to us the things most needed for our happiness and spiritual development.

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& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Thursday, 2nd May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
BORNEMARU Wednesday, 24th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 10th April.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURMA MARU Saturday, 6th April.
BANGKOK—Via Siam.
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 11th April 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
ARGUN MARU Tuesday, 18th April.
JAPAN PORTS.
KASADO MARU Sunday, 7th April.
ANDES MARU Wednesday, 17th April.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 7th April 8 p.m.
CANTON MARU Sunday, 14th April 8 p.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELA MARU Thursday, 18th April 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.

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It may be recalled that her gross tonnage is 19,700, her length being 612 ft. and her breadth 78 ft. There is accommodation for 415 first-class passengers in an equal number of single-birth cabins, and for 260 second-class passengers in 100 cabins. The crew carried will number 420.

Public Rooms

The public rooms are spacious and well ventilated on the Thermotank principle, while the decorations have been excellently carried out by Messrs. Waring and Gillow, Limited. The winches, windlass, capstans, engine-room pumps, and forced-draught fans are operated on the constant current system, devised by Messrs. Gilbert Austin, Limited, of Cathcart and the whole of the heating and cooking is done electrically. Steam for the propelling machinery is supplied by six oil-fired Yarrow-tube boilers. Four of these have an output of 33,000 lb. of steam per hour and are of sufficient capacity to enable the vessel to steam at 16.5 knots. The other two have an output of 20,000 lb. per hour.

Propelling Plant

The propelling plant consists of two 9,000-kw. E.T.H. turbo-alternators, which are supplied with steam at 350 lb. per square inch and a temperature of 700 deg. F. These machines supply two 8,500 shaft horse-power propeller motors having a maximum of speed of 109 r.p.m., one of which is coupled to each of the two shafts. In normal service, only one alternator is required and can supply up to 11,600 shaft horse-power, but if the full designed speed of 19 knots is required the power delivered by both alternators will range up to 17,000 shaft horse-power. Speed variation is effected from the turbines by adjusting a governor which operates directly on six admission valves, and any speed, up to the maximum of 2,690 r.p.m., can thus be obtained. Control is effected from a central control platform in the roomy and well-lighted engine room, and levers are provided for altering the direction, adjusting the field and speed, and attaining dead-slow movement. There is complete interlocking, so that operation is safe and simple. When running at half-speed on the cruise above referred to, the alternator pressure was 1,900 volts and the current per phase 300 amperes. At full speed, viz., 17.5 knots, the alternator pressure was 2,750 volts and the current per phase 600 amperes with a power factor of 0.98. Owing to the bad weather it has not yet been possible to obtain consumption results, but there seems no reason to suppose that these will not justify the optimism which was freely expressed recently.—"Engineering."

EASTERN PORTS

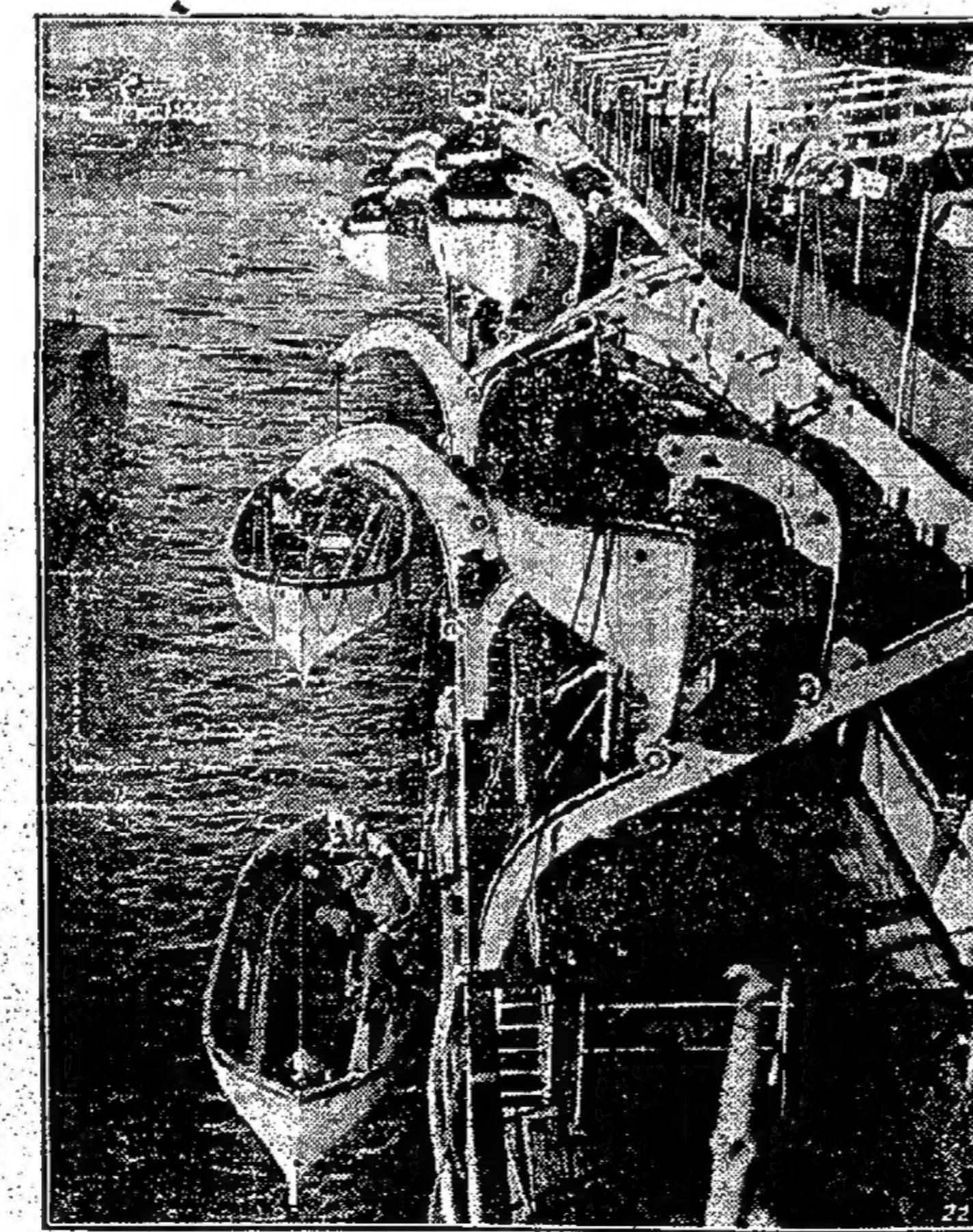
PLAGUE, SMALL-POX, AND
CHOLERA CASES

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended March 30, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating date:

Plague: Suez 1, Baghdad 2 (1), Bombay (1), Phnom Penh 4 (4).
Cholera: Bombay (1), Calcutta (79), Bangkok 3 (1); Phnom Penh 3 (2).
Saigon 5, Canton 1.
Small-pox: Aden 9 (4), Basrah 1 (1), Bombay 94 (51), Calcutta 22 (13), Karachi 58 (20), Moulmein 6 (1), Vizagapatam 15 (2), Singapore 1, Phnom Penh 27 (14), Shanghai (6), Canton 33.

FOUR YEARS AHEAD

A man booking his passage to America at the Cunard Company's West End office stated that he would be returning in four years, and would like accommodation reserved in the new giant "Cunarder" which he understood would shortly be built.



Newest Lifeboat Gear

When the Canadian Pacific liner *Duchess of Bedford* arrived in New York recently to start a series of cruises to the West Indies, the crew, under the direction of Captain H. Shobson and his officers, demonstrated the efficiency of her up-to-date lifeboat gear in a fashion that amazed the inspectors.

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United States officials stated that this Wall-Macmillan gear was the most efficient ever seen in New York.

SEAMEN AND VOTES

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR
TIME-LIMIT

FORTHCOMING ELECTION

As regards the impending General Election the Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade has recently written to the Imperial Merchant Service Guild as follows:

"With reference to the letter (No. M12782/25) addressed to you on the 19th August, 1928, enclosing copies of a notice, No. 581, entitled 'Parliamentary elections: Voting by merchant seamen, fishermen, etc., I am directed by the Board of Trade to enclose six copies of an amending slip, which has been prepared for pasting over the lower part of the notice. The slip indicates the special provisions that have been made with regard to the limit for claims by seamen and others wishing to become absent voters in order to vote at the general election of 1929. The Board would be glad if you would be so good as to bring these arrangements to the notice of members of your Guild."

The official notice referred to reads:

"A merchant sea man or fisherman or any other elector whose employment may take him away from home might not be able to vote in person at the polling station on the occasion of a Parliamentary election."

"But he can claim to become an absent voter, so as to vote by post or, in certain circumstances, by proxy."

"Having once claimed and become an absent voter he will without further claim be an absent voter and will vote as such, so long as he is registered as an elector for the same qualifying address, until he notifies the registration officer of his desire not to be an absent voter."

"An elector who is not already an absent voter and wishes to become one should make a claim at once."

The amending slip enclosed by the Board in their letter—to take the place of the existing foot note—is as follows:

"An elector who is not already an absent voter and wishes to become one should make a claim at once, in order to vote in the forthcoming election of 1929."

"Forms of claim can be obtained from the Mercantile Marine Office or Custom House at any port of the United Kingdom, or from any local fishing office, or from the registration officer."

"In England and Wales and Northern Ireland claims should be sent in before the 27th February, 1929, and in Scotland before the 12th March, 1929."

Any members of the Guild subject should apply without delay to the secretary.—"Journal of Commerce."

LAUNCH SUNK

Whilst manoeuvring alongside the Eastern-street wharf at the Praya-Sai-pun district yesterday, a cargo of 200 boxes of salt fish slipped to the starboard side of the s.l. "Sei Kung," a launch owned by the "Sei Kung" Steam Launch Company, which sank only twenty feet from the wharf. A strong east wind was blowing at the time (8.15 p.m.) and the tide was running in the opposite direction. In seven minutes the launch sank, but not before the entire crew of ten had been rescued. The launch came with the cargo in question from Sal Kung.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

Projected arrivals and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

Arrivals at Hong Kong
The s.s. "City of Glasgow" from Europe, April 17.

The s.s. "Glenbank" from New York via Panama, April 22.

The s.s. "Comilebank" from New York via Panama, April 26.

The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.

Departures from Hong Kong
The s.s. "City of Khartoum" for Singapore and Europe, April 18.

The s.s. "City of Glasgow" for Shanghai and Japan, April 18.

The s.s. "Tinhow" for Saigon and South Africa, April 18.

The s.s. "Glenbank" for Haiphong, April 28.

The s.s. "Comilebank" for Shanghai and Chingwattin, April 27.

The s.s. "City of Dohi" for Singapore and U.K., May 9.

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*MIRZAPORE	6,715	16th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KARMAKA	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*ALIPORE	5,273	24th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MANTUA	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*NAGPORE	5,283	4th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	8th May	Straits & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,144	11th May	Marseilles, London & Hull.
MOREA	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TILAWA	10,000	21st Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	6th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	9th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	3,013	21st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,600	28th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th July	Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Aug.	
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TAKIWA	7,935	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yohama & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TEYORE	5,318	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	10,946	16th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Oaska & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	17th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Oaska.
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yohama.
TALAMBA	8,013	28th Apr.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Oaska.
TALMA	10,000	30th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yohama & Osaka.
TANDA	6,956	7th May	Moji, Kobe, Oaska & Yokohama.
*PERIM	7,648	9th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	10th May	Moji, Kobe & Oaska.
TILAWA	10,006	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Oaska.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SOUTH POLE

ANGLO-AMERICAN CLAIMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

AERIAL POSSIBILITIES

Washington, Yesterday. The potentialities of the Antarctic Continent for aviation bases and the existence of coal, mica, and other mineral resources, also the fact that the surrounding waters contain practically all the world's supply of whales, are stated to be the principal factors in a new Anglo-American diplomatic controversy.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" states that Britain has diplomatically brought attention to the fact that Commander Byrd's recent explorations were made over British territory. It adds that the British Note virtually claimed sovereignty of the entire South Polar region, a part of which is already being administered by the Governor-General of Australia.

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Comment in London. London, Yesterday. Authoritative circles in London are unaware of the impending despatch of a United States Note to Britain, but it is declared that such a Note may refer to an earlier British communication offering to grant all possible facilities to Comdr. Byrd when exploring in the neighbourhood of British Antarctic possessions.

It is pointed out that Britain has always claimed certain areas in the Ross Sea and Falkland Islands Dependencies. Reuter.

Washington Surprised. Washington, Yesterday. State Department officials are very surprised at the reports in the British Press to the effect that the United States is preparing a Note contesting the British claims in the Antarctic and ridicule the suggestion of a diplomatic controversy.

It appears that several months ago the British Embassy forwarded to the State Department a Note permitting Comdr. Byrd to use British territory in the Antarctic and pointing out that Britain had sovereignty over certain lands in that region.

The State Department has not yet replied to that Note but there is no indication that any action regarding it is contemplated, at least at present. Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN POLITICS

UPROAR OVER PUBLIC SAFETY BILL

RULING IN ASSEMBLY

New Delhi, Yesterday. These were crowded galleries and considerable liveliness in the Legislative Assembly on the resumption of the debate as to whether the Public Safety Bill could be discussed.

The members of the Simon Commission were present.

The proceedings terminated in an uproar when Mr. Patel, the President, reserved his ruling. Reuter.

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Mr. F. B. Kellogg, ex-Secretary of State, has arrived here. Reuter.

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BIRTHS

BATES.—On March 28, to the Rev. W. P. and Mrs. Bates of Ningpo, a son.

BUCKLEY.—On March 29, at Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Buckley, a son.

HUCKSTEP.—On March 28, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Huckstep, a son.

MARRIAGES

EDDINGTON—OLSTEN.—On

March 28, at Tientsin, in H.B.M. Consulate, and later

at All Saints Church, Francis Smollet, Bredalbane Eddington, of Reading, England, to

Audrey Adele, younger daughter of the late Capt. R. T. Olsen and Mrs. Margaret Olsen of Shanghai.

HAMILWALLACE.—On February 6, in New York, Miss Velma Mary Hamill, of Toronto, Canada, to Rev. Edward Wilson Wallace, of Shanghai.

DEATHS

BAGAT.—On March 31, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Peter Bagat, Kiangsi Chemical Works, aged 52 years.

CATTAPAN.—On March 30, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Luigi Cattapan, aged 54. Member of Shanghai Municipal Orchestra.

CUPELL.—On March 30, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Manlio Cupell, aged 40, of the Chinese Customs Service.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 6, 1929.

STILL. WATERS

Many besides the local Portuguese community will regret to say "Good-bye" to the Governor of Macao and his charming wife and daughter when they leave Hong Kong for their native land to-morrow. During his brief regime in Macao Signor Barbosa has co-operated to the full in cementing still closer the ties

Winter or any other season here: given a universal desire to start work earlier in the morning and cease duty earlier in the afternoon everything else would automatically fit in.

In the neighbourhood of Kellet Crest hood of that Activity well-known Peak landmark, Mount Kellet—on Kellet Crest, to be precise—there is at the present moment, as there has been for some time past, very considerable activity with regard to the building of the War Memorial Hospital. When it is erected and ready for occupation it will be, we are told, in every respect a worthy institution. Meanwhile, quite a goodly portion of the Crest is being levelled, fort-like retaining walls and sundry buildings that have served their day and generation are being demolished, so that foundations, solid and secure, for the new hospital may be substituted and a fine building, which will add to the lovely amenities of the district, be placed thereon.

Simultaneously, a Building a motor road is being erected on the east side of the Crest and work is being conducted expeditiously. The scene is one of considerable activity, as the proposed road covers a wide area and will extend, we believe, as far as the Matilda Hospital. Survey lines mark the route and a miniature "railway" covers a large portion of the surface. Over the rails are being trundled numerous iron trolley loads of soil, filling up the wide spaces and widening the existing road. It is a big undertaking and is being carried out under the supervision of the Public Works Department. Near the fine house until quite recently occupied by the Captain Superintendent of Police and now the home of the Colonial Secretary, a very large "filling" is receiving the attention of an army of coolies, of both sexes. To expedite matters here a pier-like structure has been erected which enables the "dumping-down" or the "filling-up" to be done in the most approved and scientific manner.

Very little change Old Given has been effected. Place in the Mount to the New Kellet district for a long time and the quiet beauty of the place, with its magnificent views, east and west, is among the glories of the Peak. The new hospital, the new motor road, with vehicles hurrying along its surface the many changes which these concessions to the spirit of progress must necessarily bring about, will considerably alter and, in some respects, mar the natural beauty of the place. Still, from the point of view of progress and "up-to-dateness", the amenities of the district will doubtless be improved—and that nowadays is by no means regarded as all-important.

What's in the old saying a goes. Well might Number? one ask to-day what's in a number. It is notorious that there are 10,000 tickets in a lottery or cash sweep, very many people fight shy of No. 1 and No. 10,000—the first and last. The common belief is that these numbers can never come up." It was disproved last Saturday at the second extra meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club when a Portuguese resident drew, with ticket No. 1, the first prize in successive races, enriching himself by more than \$4,400. If anybody cares to test the law of averages over a sufficiently long period, it will be found that No. 1 has an equal chance with No. 13, No. 777, or any other of the numbers popularly conceded to be "jossy."

A few years ago, an American resident offered to buy a certain ticket (with either four or five digits) in a \$10 Derby sweep run by a local Chinese Club for \$50. This was months before the draw. "He had a hunch," he said, that that number was going to draw a certain pony. It didn't. Nor was he able to buy the ticket in question because it was sold out of the Colony. And what about the Shantung policeman who won nearly \$14,000 in the Lusttano Club? Celebrations in "Wei-hai-wei more far" can be visualized, we think.

Before the present crisis in Kwang-Morning-Tung arose an edict went forth that Government staffs in Canton were expected to be at their office desks at eight o'clock in the morning, as it was thought, and thought rightly that too much good daylight had been previously frittered away before most folk began their day's work. Here many start at half-past eight and many more at nine, but that does not permit their stopping fit good time in the afternoon to change and go off to the soccer, tennis, or hockey grounds in time to indulge in a full-timed game. If all were to start much earlier than at present they could easily adapt themselves and everybody else to a voluntary Daylight Saving scheme, with, in addition, healthier physique and better efficiency in the day's duties. There would be no need to run back the hands of the clock in

A sports correspondent suggests that Too Much the Hong Kong Racing Jockey Club Stewards will find that they have erred in having three race days this month. We do not think so. A few years ago, the custom began of holding the first extra meeting of the year a week after the last day of the annual meeting. Which is obviously to the advantage of those actively engaged in the Sport of Kings. Ponies are still in training, an en-

try can be made more conveniently to qualify for such trophies as the Chafer Cup, some of the Shanghai jockeys can be induced to remain the extra week, owners of subscription griffins have another chance of making up their minds whether they will sell or live in the land of hopes; slugs are given the opportunity of trying again—and the first half of the extra season commences earlier.

The good work having started, it is wise, therefore, to get through the first half year as quickly as possible so that the public (mentioned first by design), the ponies, and those enraged have longer respite during the summer. The second half of the year then comes on normally. But if the hectic week-ends of the last two years are recalled, it will be seen that local turfies are getting less, because Macao has had races for some time, steeple-chases at Fanling do not come round so often (and are held on Sunday for a change) and the writer, for one, intends to spend a few dollars on April 13—and again on April 27—at Happy Valley. More power for good to the Stewards!

The Prohibition amendment... has turned many respectable people into law-breakers, caused no small amount of violence and crime and placed the country in the unhealthy condition of being at odds with itself. Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, asserts.

"As every one knows, the law is not enforced, and as time goes on it seems to be less and less effective." If the prohibitionists insist that their principle unabated shall remain the formal law, they will probably make enforcement impossible, hamper the growth of temperance and perpetuate violation of the law and of good order.—"Washington (D.C.) Star."

Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Secretary of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, left for Home to-day, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Goodall left by the same steamer.

Passengers on the P. and O. "Kalyan" due to arrive next week include Miss W. J. Adams, Mr. D. Black, Miss V. N. Brett, Mr. J. A. Dewhurst, Mrs. H. Dewhurst, Lieut. W. F. Edds, R.M., Mr. T. J. Fawcett, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Freeman, Miss E. Galdart, Miss H. G. Hegarty, Miss H. R. M. Korte, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, Mr. D. S. Pethick, Mr. C. T. Pendrev, Mr. T. Sparshott, and Mr. G. White.

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The curtain will rise punctually at 9.15 and those attending the performance are requested to be in their seats by that time, in order that the action of the play may not be interrupted.

Further performances are being given on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9th, 11th, 12th, and 13th April.

Booking is at the Anderson Music Company.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

[From Our Correspondent]

Cheung Chau, Friday. The Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., paid a recent visit to inspect the Girls' School and take the morning service.

On Easter Sunday, the Rev. F. Short conducted a Communion service in the London Mission House, which was attended by a few of the residents and visitors.

Although the week-end was cloudy and the much-needed rain fell, several houses were reoccupied for the holiday which brightened up toward the end.

The old "Morning Star" has been put back on the run and is very unsatisfactory, being very low in the water. When the tide is out the gang plank is at a very acute angle—impossible for the ladies to mount. On one occasion, the boat moved after the plank had been let down and it fell into the harbour when at the Hong Kong wharf.

The demand for houses is becoming more brisk, and certain months are fully booked.

Ching Ming celebrations were carried on as usual. Progress is being made with the ticket office at the Cheung Chau pier. Had it been larger it could also have served as a shelter for passengers when the weather is stormy.

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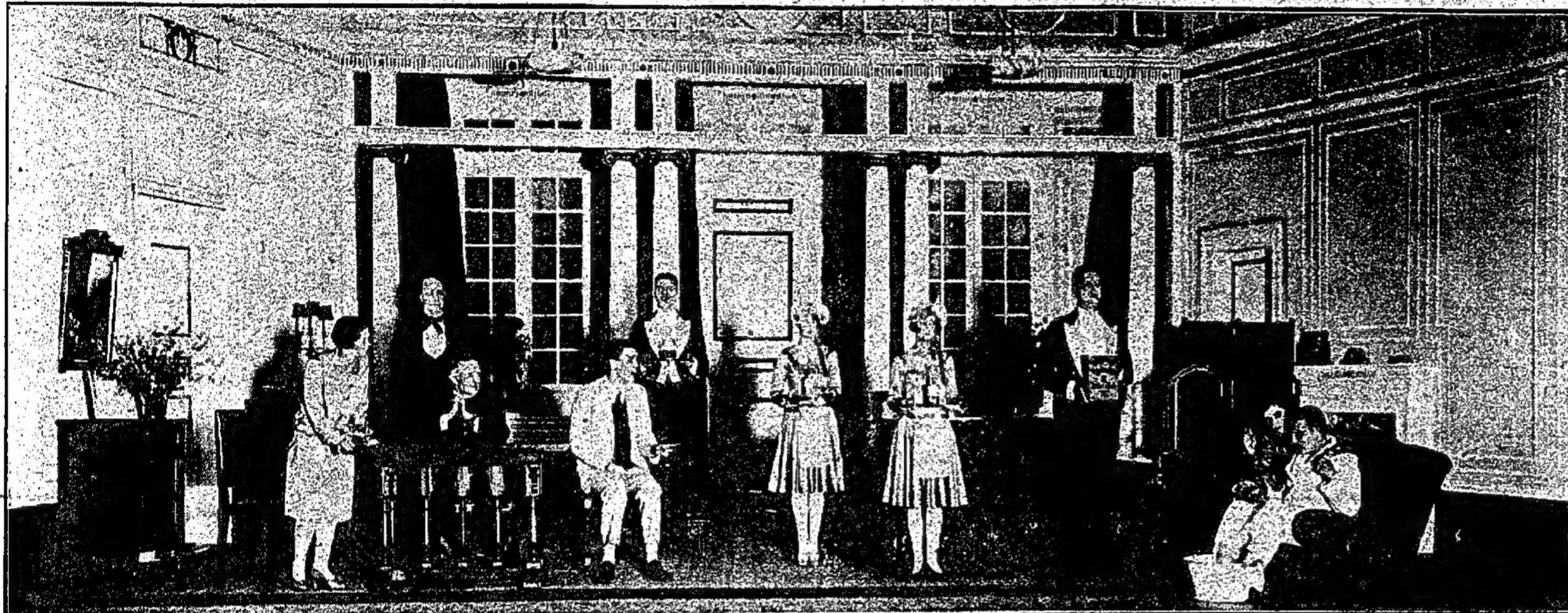
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HONG KONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION.—At the Theatre Royal, opening night to-night, and next week. Left to right:—Marjorie Taylor as "Anne," L. Stewart Goss as "Dominic," A. N. Lucey as "Mr. Latimer," A. C. Braine-Hartnell as "Nicholas," S. C. Banks, Evelyn O'Hagan, Margaret Buné and G. D. Mead as "the Staff," Fay Grossman as "Eustasia," J. H. Raikes as "Leonard." A scene from A. A. Milne's great success "The Dover Road," which is well worth seeing.



SERVICEMEN AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS IN FESTIVE MOOD.—At the Royal Artillery Association's carnival dance at the Royal Engineers' Theatre in Wellington Barracks, Hong Kong.—(K. Fujiyama).



HONG KONG RESIDENT IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.—Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E. (hitherto Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), who is sitting ninth from the left in the front row, was entertained at dinner by his fellow-natives of the Nam Hol district at the Kam Ling restaurant, in honour of his receiving the C.B.E. The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.E.E., LL.D., who was also a guest, is eighth from the left, and Mr. Lo Kit-ping (Chairman of the Naxhui District Commercial Guild in Hong Kong), who presided, is tenth from the left, these two last-named being on either side of Mr. Li.—(Chung Wah Studio).



GOVERNOR OF MACAO.—Senhor Barbosa, who leaves Hong Kong on the "President Monroe" to-morrow on long leave with his family and is to be feted at the Club Lusitano to-day.



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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST MISSION.—At Nanning, in Kwangsi, the centre of the great work of Dr. D. D. Coffin (the tallest figure) and the Rev. P. V. Thomas (the other "European" in the centre), with hospital helpers.—Photo taken by Dr. A. Cannon of Hong Kong in his travels.—Strict copyright.



TENNIS STALWARTS.—Right to left, S. A. Rumjahn (singles champion of the Colony in 1927), H. D. Rumjahn (joint doubles champion with S. A. from 1925-1928), T. Honda (singles champion in 1928 and on previous occasions), and his doubles partner, T. Akiyama.—(K. Fujiyama).



AT STONECUTTERS.—Some of the members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps during the Easter holidays taking part in the annual rifle meeting of the Corps.—(K. Fujiyama).



COLONY'S TENNIS DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP.—At the Hong Kong Cricket Club last week in the annual lawn-tennis tournament, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn, cousins (holders in 1925-1928), defeating the best Japanese pair, T. Honda and T. Akiyama, in five sets.—(K. Fujiyama).



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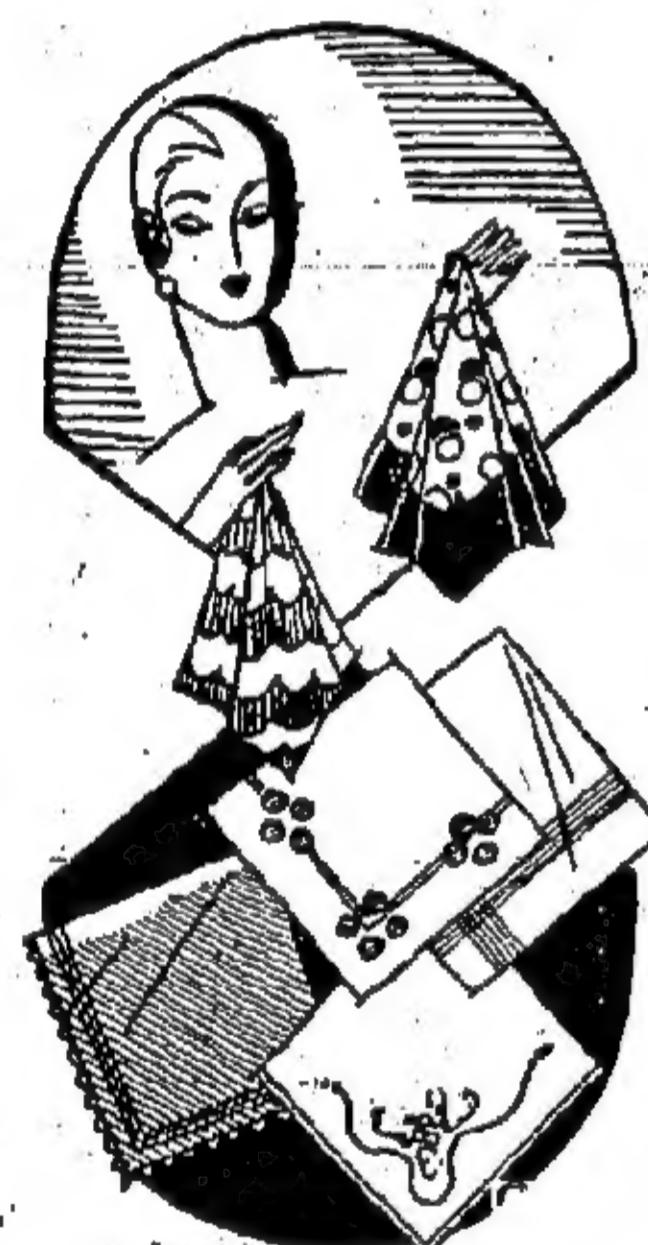
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Three Spring Hats



Talk about taking the old strap off the roll! What the ladies aren't going to do to the pretty cash is nobody's business this Spring. The nifty felt of silver grey at the left, that Mary Nolan, extremely blonde in complexion, looks so becoming, will make a hit anywhere. Just gaze at the mystery bonnet of navy blue, centre, revealing one of Esther Ralston's eyebrows, and then, if you can stand the strain, see how the brimmed hat of white corded silk faced with black becomes Anita Page. They are only three of the pretty styles which are vamping the ladies this year of 1929.

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MEN ARE HONEST

BUT A JUDGE DOES NOT THINK SO

A PAYING HABIT

I suppose a judge is not likely to hold a high opinion of human nature, says the "Daily Telegraph." He sees too much of what is not its brightest and best. In my innocence I sometimes wonder whether the barrister who has to be the champion of most unpleasant people, or the judge who sees to it that their unpleasantness is well and truly exposed, is more likely to despise his fellow-creatures. But no doubt the judge, having had all the barrister's experience as well as that of the Bench, is better equipped for cynicism. When I read that Mr. Justice Swift had been remarking "Everybody is honest and dishonest in patches" it did seem to me a very painful example of the results of a judicial career.

It was, I understand, an obiter dictum. His lordship did not give a ruling that we are all dishonest, he only expressed an opinion. King David, who anticipated Mr. Justice Swift by remarking that all men are liars, afterwards acknowledged that he said it in his haste. Some doubt has been cast on the completeness of this withdrawal, and I own that his Majesty's real opinion of human veracity is not as clear as it might be. But pro-

bably the King's estimate of his fellow creatures was much the same as the judge's—we are all dishonest in patches.

For one thing, honesty, like other virtues, is not only a question of meaning well, but of intelligence and taking pains. It is impossible to be honest if you do not keep a moderately clear head. You forget—let us take one of the most familiar instances—petty debts which you ought to have paid. An excuse is not to be found in the fact that you have genially forgotten other debts due to you. Honesty does not consist in ignoring obligations. That may be a comfortable and, so long as you confine your negligence to trifling obligations, a jovial and popular way of living. But Mr. Justice Swift would be quite justified in saying it was "dishonest in patches."

There is another department. I wonder how many of us take pains to see that people who have dealings with us do not cheat themselves. It is not for me to condemn. How often do I count my change? How often do I make sure nothing has been overlooked in a bill? When I am sharing expenses with somebody else, do I go over each item to be certain that I am paying my full portion? Alas! none of these things do I consistently perform. I am content with a general notion that the change, and the bill, and the division of costs are "about right." And are you more careful?

But perhaps Mr. Justice Swift was thinking of larger issues, of the dishonesty which involves great gains. I have heard people say that no one in the world can be trusted to return something

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The latest in ladies' novelties, with a forecast as to what designs summer materials will be of.

an owner handy and abstain from stealing it. But apart from cases of this jackdaw instinct, I don't believe the first impulse of the finder of a diamond tiara or a string of pearls is to appropriate the thing.

There are much more subtle temptations. Every now and then the Law Courts tell us of people placed in positions which give them a chance of profitable dishonesty who used it abundantly. "Opportunity makes the thief," says the ancient maxim. But, after all, does it? Far be it from me to judge austerely people who yielded to temptations which have never come to me; for, after all, I have never had any scope for dishonesty on a large and attractive scale.

Yet we do find that the number of people who attempt these big defalcations, embezzlements, and what not is insignificant compared with the number of those who have the opportunity.

In spite of the existence of the criminal law and Mr. Justice Swift, it is true that our society is organised on the assumption of general honesty, and in general the assumption is justified. No insistence upon the uncertainty of property of umbrellas or on the common baseness of mankind in the matter of matches shall shake my belief that in general and in important things most of us are honest, not in patches, but as a matter of routine. I do not suggest that the ordinary man and woman are particularly good. I do suggest that they are not particularly silly. They know that honesty is the best policy.

BAD MOURNERS

A WOMAN'S THOUGHTS THEREON

By Mary Moore

When William of Wykeham pronounced the dictum that Manners Maketh Man—a saying which has been in circulation ever since and quoted ad nauseam for want of anything which improves on the idea—he evidently referred to mankind as a whole, and was not intentionally slighting the other sex. For, indeed, manners are of almost more importance to women than to their fathers, brothers, and husbands.

A man may (let us emphasise the "may") be forgiven at times a certain slackness or relaxing of the

ordinary rules, because the pleasant fiction lingers that he is burdened with grave matters of business, or that his professional cares weigh heavily upon him.

The artist or poet is still excused because of the deeply-rooted belief that creative work makes one rather odd, even though some of the most successful men in these lines look like smart stockbrokers. And there are also the quaint individuals who cultivate a certain brusqueness, and are self-consciously unconscious of the ordinary rules for what used to be called in the nursery "pretty behaviour."

The Golden Rule

But for a woman there is less tolerance. As she is supposed to have more time for social matters, her manners are more in evidence and subject to closer scrutiny.

When it comes to the old catch, "Would you rather have a good heart and bad manners or a bad heart and good manners?" one is almost inclined to vote in favour of those whose charming manners help the machinery to run smoothly; trusting charitably that they have been maligned in the matter of hearts. Yet the best manners are based on kindness, unselfishness, and the Golden Rule.

Hardly anywhere are bad manners more noticeable and more actively offensive than in the theatre. Yet, despite the publicity given to the subject, people continue to arrive late, to talk, to rustle, to attend to their toilets in public with an abandon which is startling.

An even worse breach of manners is unfortunately common. It is committed by the theatre party that keeps the unfortunate man at the end of the row standing while it calmly discusses seating arrangements—after which the whole party crushes by without one word of apology or thanks! One can only hope that their hearts are very, very good. But how they would have grieved William of Wykeham—*"Daily Telegraph."*

For Shopping



This jacket suit, worn by Mary Brian, is of brown and beige, and so is the felt hat. The kashia-coat is honey-brown, a colour that is repeated at the border of the beige silk skirt. A scarf combining the costume colours is tied jauntily about the neck.

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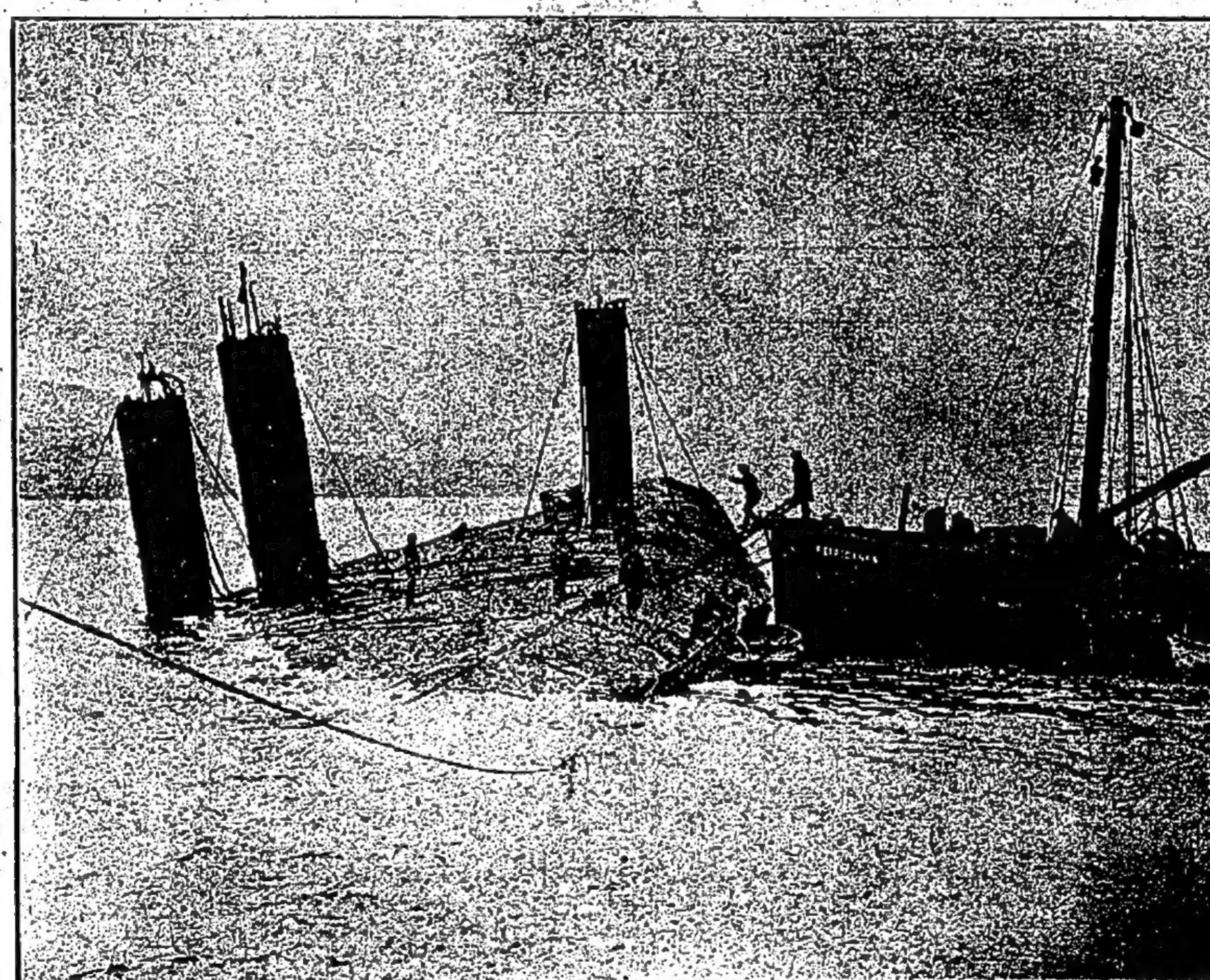
PORLAND VASE TO BE SOLD.—It is officially announced that the Portland Vase (1st century, Roman Europe), the most famous glass vessel in the world, is to be sold at Christie's on May 5. It has been in the British Museum since 1810. Most people will be surprised to learn that the vase, for so long one of the great sights of the British Museum, is not the property of the nation. It has merely been "on loan" from the Dukes of Portland. A visitor to the Museum in 1845 maliciously smashed the vase, but the fragments were subsequently pieced together with extraordinary skill.—(Sport and General).



A SOCIETY BRIDAL RETINUE.—Group at the wedding of Mr. John Barran, son and heir of Sir John Barran, the Yorkshire Baronet, and Lady Barran, to the Hon. Alison Ruthven, twin daughter of Major-General Lord Ruthven, which took place at the guards' chapel, Wellington Barracks, London.—(Sport and General).



THE DUKE OF YORK.—Re-opening Astor House (built 35 years ago), Victoria Embankment, London, as the Incorporated Accountants' new hall. H.R.H. is seen inspecting the Guard of Honour of London Scottish.—(Sport and General).



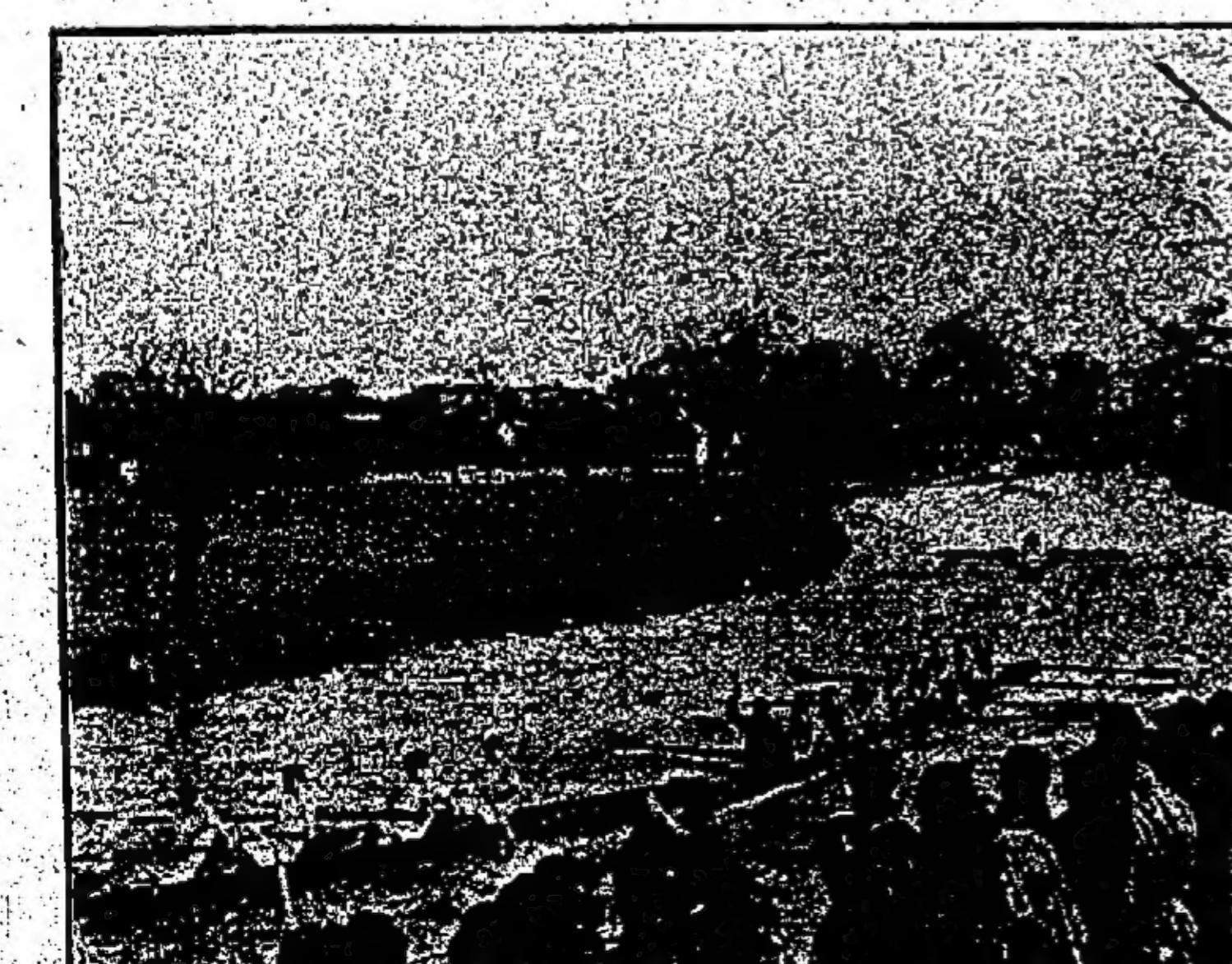
THE WORLD'S GREATEST SALVING FEAT.—At Scapa Flow, Orkney Islands, the scuttled German battleship "S.M.S. 'Kaiser," 25,000 tons, being raised from the bottom of the sea. The "Kaiser" is seen upside down, showing her bows coming up from under the sea.—(Sport and General).



MOTOR CYCLING IN SEVERE WINTER.—A scene at Laver-ton Hill, Gloucestershire, in the Cotswolds. A. J. Smith (248 Calthorpe) is seen leading W. J. Dallison (348 Calthorpe) on a difficult observed section in the annual Colmore Cup trial.—(Sport and General).



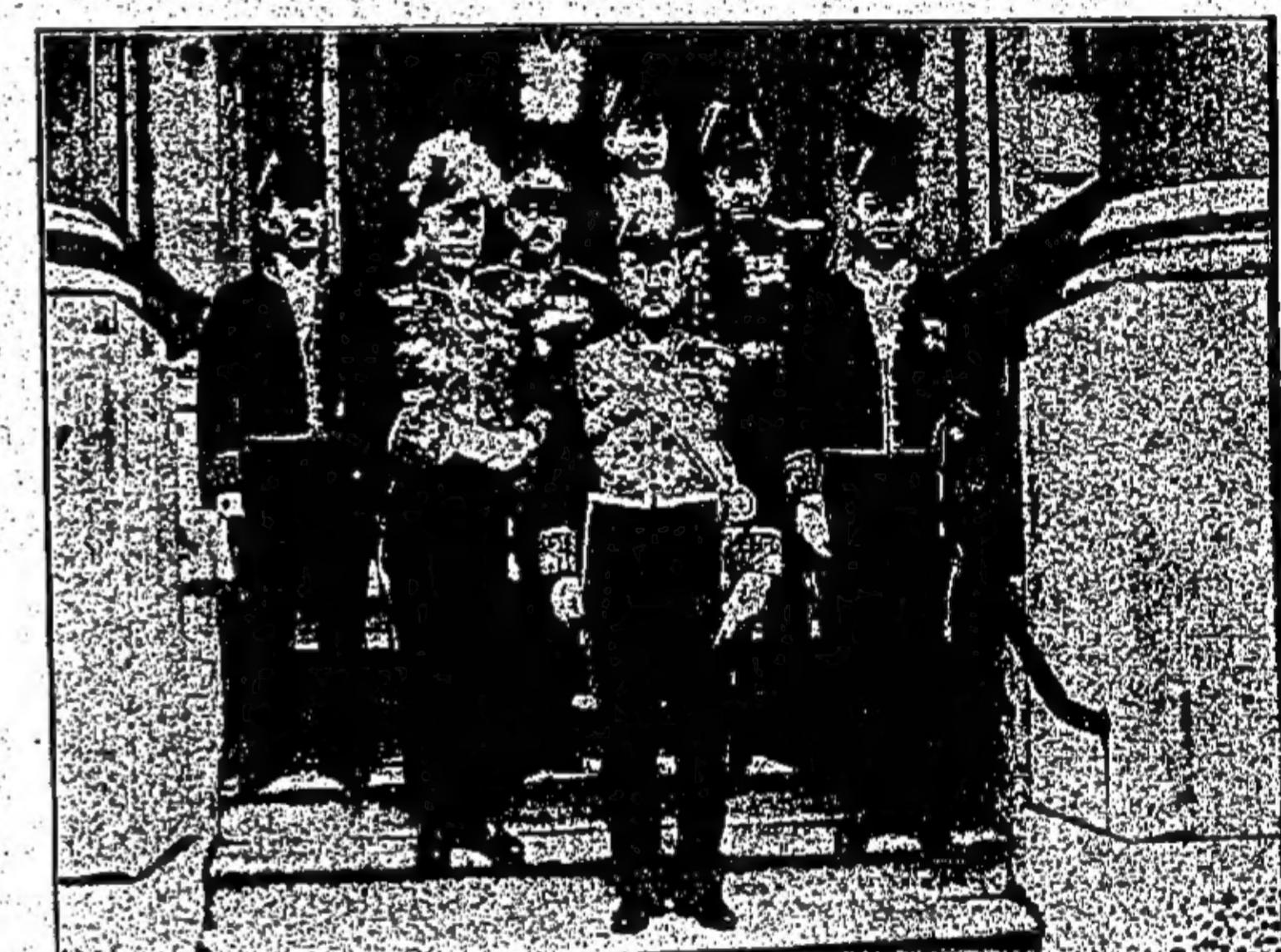
AT OLYMPIA, LONDON.—The "coming-of-age" Ideal Home Exhibition, opened by the Lord Mayor of London at Olympia, proved to be bigger and better than ever. Over 400 features and exhibits showing the wonderful achievement of art and science in providing beauty and comfort in the home were shown. Our picture shows "The Bedroom of To-day," one of the series of "Bedrooms Through the Ages," a special feature of the Exhibition. Note the futuristic furnishing, cocktail shaker and portable radio.—(Sport and General).



CAMBRIDGE ROWING.—A "bump" in the Gut. The cox of First Trinity IV is seen with hand raised, signifying that Emmanuel II has bumped into them. The bumps are a feature of these Varsity races.—(Sport and General).



WORLD'S LARGEST SHOP WINDOW.—H.M. the Queen visiting the British Industries Fair at the White City, London. Her Majesty is seen inspecting articles of British workmanship on one of the stalls.—(Sport and General).



NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.—To the Court of St. James. Viscount Tsuneo Matsudaira, whose daughter married Prince Chichibu, on the steps of the Japanese Embassy, Grosvenor-square, London, with his staff of attaches and officials.—(Sport and General).



ANCIENTS v. MODERNS.—A ladies' comical hockey Match at Birkdale, Southport, Lancs. The veterans, who are old internationals, dressed in clothes of the 1900 period, much to the amusement of both players and spectators. Photo shows the toss up. Miss E. Goldsworth (Lancs.) and Mrs. Thompson Smith (Veteran). Note the "bustle" worn! — (Sport and General).



WOMAN'S SIX WEEKS' FLIGHT TO INDIA AND BACK.—Mrs. Cleaver, daughter of the Minister of Finance in the Government of Northern Ireland, left Croydon, London, in a Gipsy Moth plane for a flight to India and back, which she anticipated would take six weeks. She is seen here with Mr. Drew, a pilot of Imperial Airways. Mrs. Cleaver wore a novel "air-suit" of antelope (which resembles suede) and a flying cap to match.—(Sport and General).



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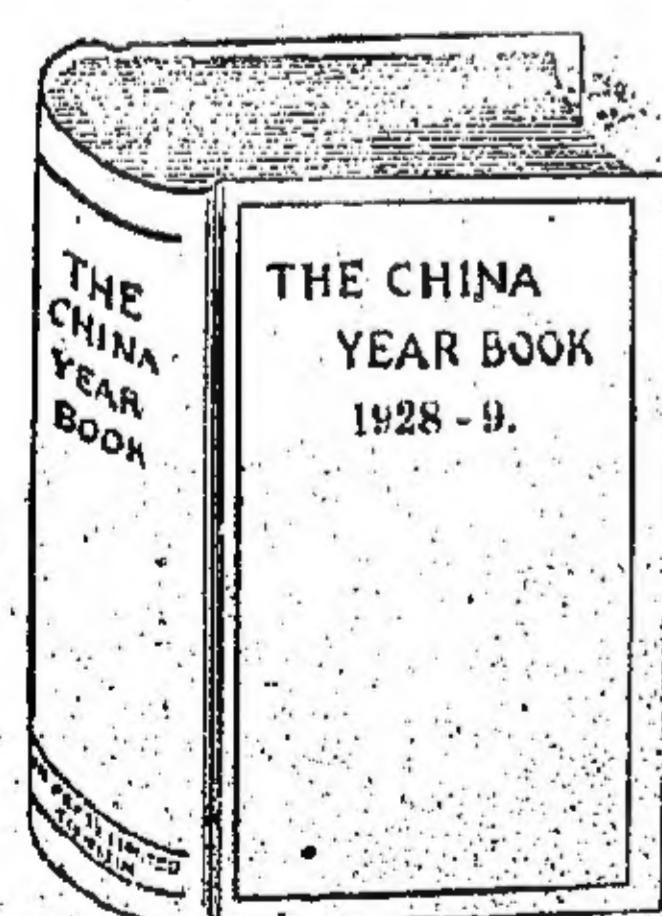
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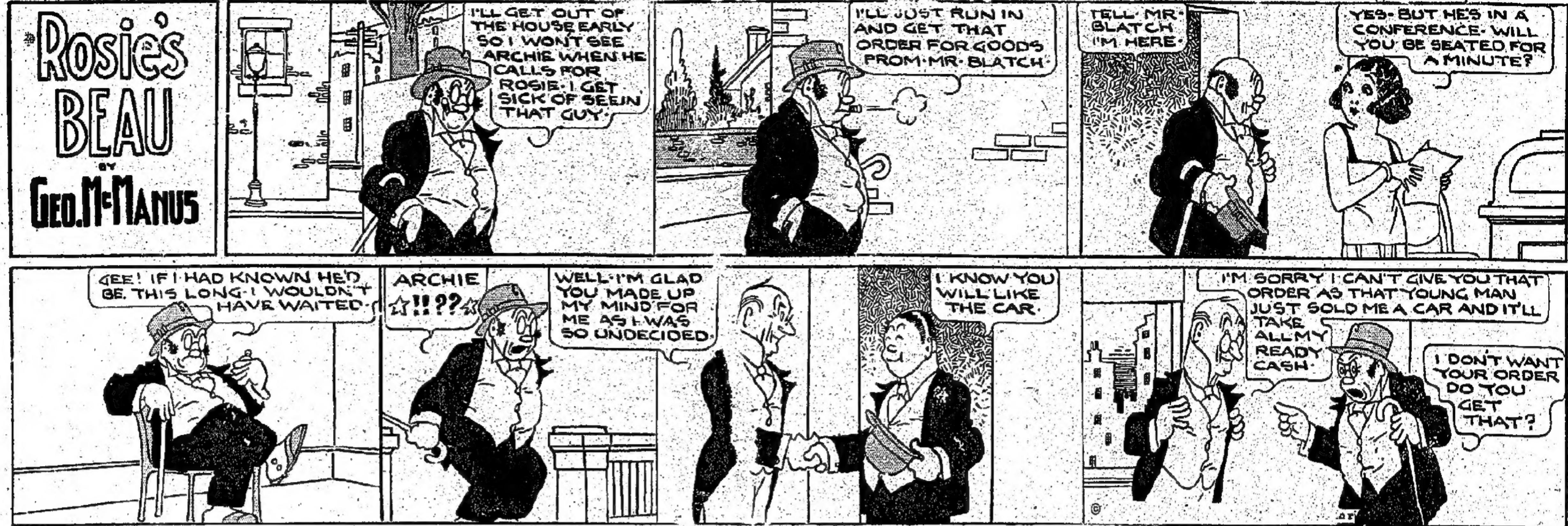
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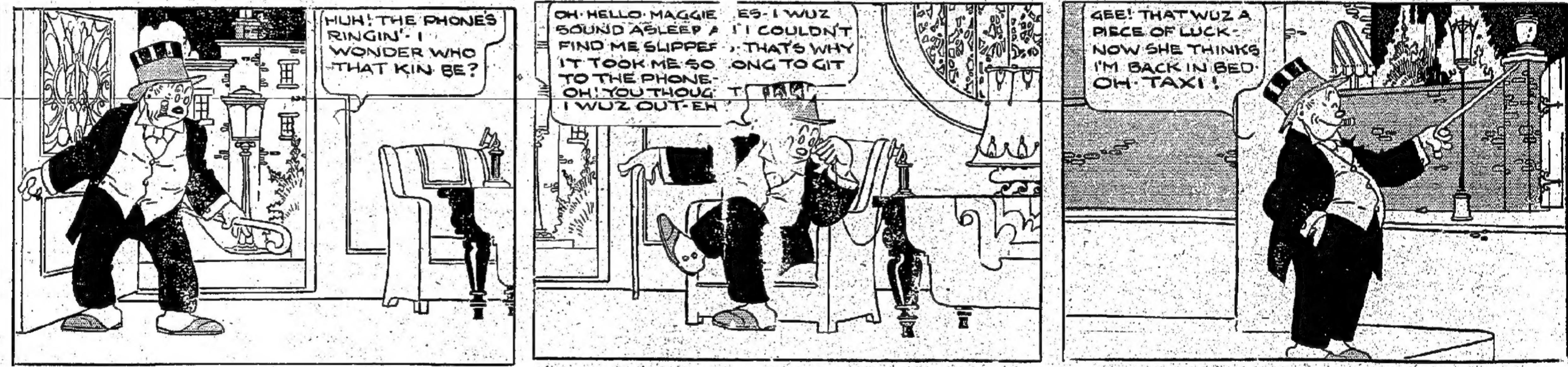
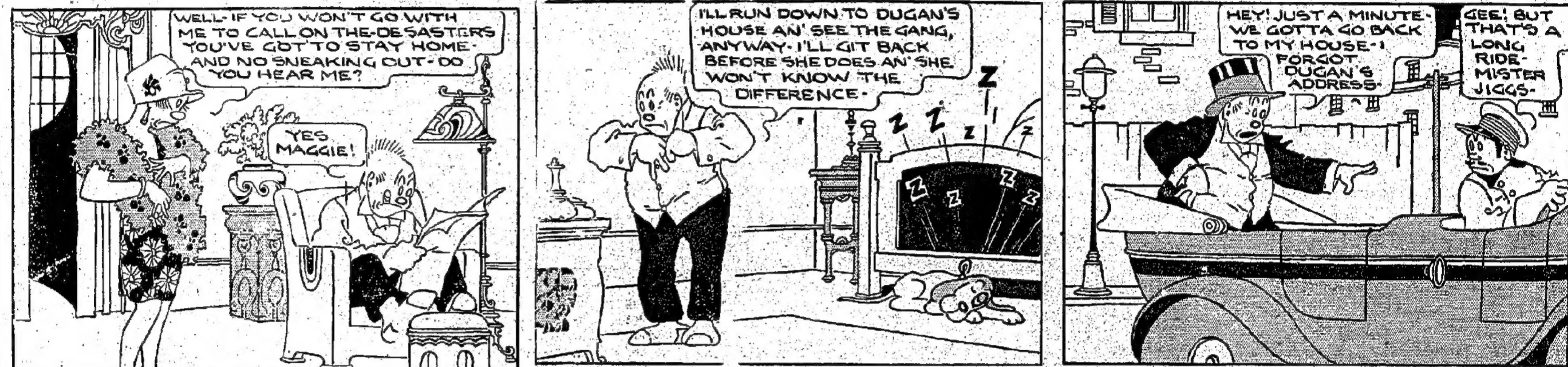


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The letter from Mr. Featherstone is for the most part self-explanatory and we, therefore, publish it in full as follows:

To the Editor of the "China Mail":

Sir,—You have asked me for an opinion or for views on the local discussions in the Press on Religion and upon the lectures given locally. It is hard to give views upon what has been a very long drawn-out discussion, and I am not willing to be drawn into correspondence on the matter in one or in all of the papers.

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(2) A State without the means of change is without the means of its conservation.—Edmund Burke.

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LAWN TENNIS

OPEN SINGLES SEMI-FINALS COMPLETED

The struggle for the fourth semi-final position of the Open Singles' Championship of the Colony took place yesterday afternoon, the contestants being H. D. Rumjahn and Lim Peng-chin.

The Chinese won the first set, Rumjahn the second, and Lim the third. The Indian brought the score to 2 sets all, by winning the fourth set. In the final set, Rumjahn established a lead of 3 games to love, which he increased to 4-2, eventually winning the sets at 6-2, and with it the match.

In the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles Handicap, D. Smith and Mrs. Smith (owe 4/6) beat H. V. Parker and Miss Stanion (owe 2/6) in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

BOXING

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF FLEET

The preliminary bouts of the China Fleet Amateur Boxing Championships were held yesterday afternoon and evening at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre.

The results were:-

Welterweight

A. B. Turner (Hermes) beat A. B. Webb (Hermes); A. E. Trimmings (Hermes) beat Stoker Harding (Suffolk); Stoker Harry (Kent) beat Stoker Tucker (Titania); A. B. Perkins (Hermes) beat Marine Horst (Suffolk).

Catchweights

A. B. Bullen (Suffolk) beat Marine Godden (Kent); A. B. Swann (Hermes) beat A. B. McKinney (Hermes).

Middleweights

Stoker Taylor (Berwick) beat Marine Huntley (Kent); A. B. Hallcombe (Sterling) beat L-Stoker Day (Kent).

Lightweights

Tel. Sears (Hermes) beat A. B. Brien (Suffolk).

Featherweights

Boy Clark (Suffolk) beat A. B. Bambridge (Hermes).

Bantamweights

Boy Gilham (Suffolk) beat A. B. Roberts (Herald).

PRINCE'S TRIBUTE

HIGH PRAISE FOR BRITAIN'S "MERCHANT NAVY"

SPECIAL WAR WORK

London, Yesterday. The Prince of Wales (who is Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets) in the foreword to the third and final volume of Sir Archibald Hurd's work "The Merchant Navy" also recalls that in first stage of the War the British seaman recognised that nothing more was being asked of him than to accept the usual hazards of naval conflict. With the arrival on the scene of the submarine and the indiscriminate use of the mine the whole position for the merchant seaman was changed. He found himself faced by hazards and perils as he had never before experienced or indeed had ever conceived as possible. With the intensification of the enemy's campaign the British sailor saw himself directly involved in the whole frightful mechanism of the War, whose grim operation reached its climax in the phase of unrestricted submarine attack.

Special mention is made of the auxiliary patrol which in its complete development was manned by nearly 50,000 officers and men.

Watching and Hunting

Describing it as one of the most striking and certainly one of the most successful of the many pieces of war-time improvisation, which history will place to the credit of the British nation, the Prince observed: "Here was indeed a medley of small vessels, trawlers fresh from our fishing grounds, drifters, whalers, paddle steamers, so familiar to channel excursionists, yachts, motor launches and motor boats.

"Their hazardous duties were as varied as their types. In their long hours of patrol, they watched the foe and hunted German submarines, searched for and dragged mines, fought hostile aircraft, controlled and examined millions of tons of shipping navigating the narrow seas, and in many other ways splendidly seconded the efforts of the Grand Fleet. Varied indeed these craft were in type, but the crews were animated by one heart and one spirit—British Wireless Service."

The total yield of the Soviet art sale at Messrs' Lepke's rooms in Berlin was 28,250. About a dozen lots were purchased by British collectors.

YACHTING

RESULT OF RACE FOR LADY TYRWHITT'S CUP

Yesterday midshipmen from warships in harbour competed for a silver cup presented by Lady Tyrwhitt, wife of Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., formerly the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

The first six boats to cross the finishing line were as follow.

1. H.M.S. "Kent's" galley. Time 1 hr. 47½ mins.
2. H.M.S. "Suffolk's" 1st cutter. Time 2 hr. 1 min. 26 secs.
3. H.M.S. "Suffolk's" 2nd whaler.
4. H.M.S. "Suffolk's" 1st whaler.
5. H.M.S. "Suffolk's" 2nd cutter.
6. H.M.S. "Kent's" 1st whaler.

A similar race was held on Thursday for a cup presented by Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt for senior officers. The "Titania" obtained first and third places and the "Berwick" second place.

When the sailing race started there was a fresh breeze which enabled the competing boats to make good headway over the triangular course which started from the "Tamar;" from there south of Nos. 7 and 8 buoys, to buoy 56, onwards to Cus Rock buoy and back to the starting point.

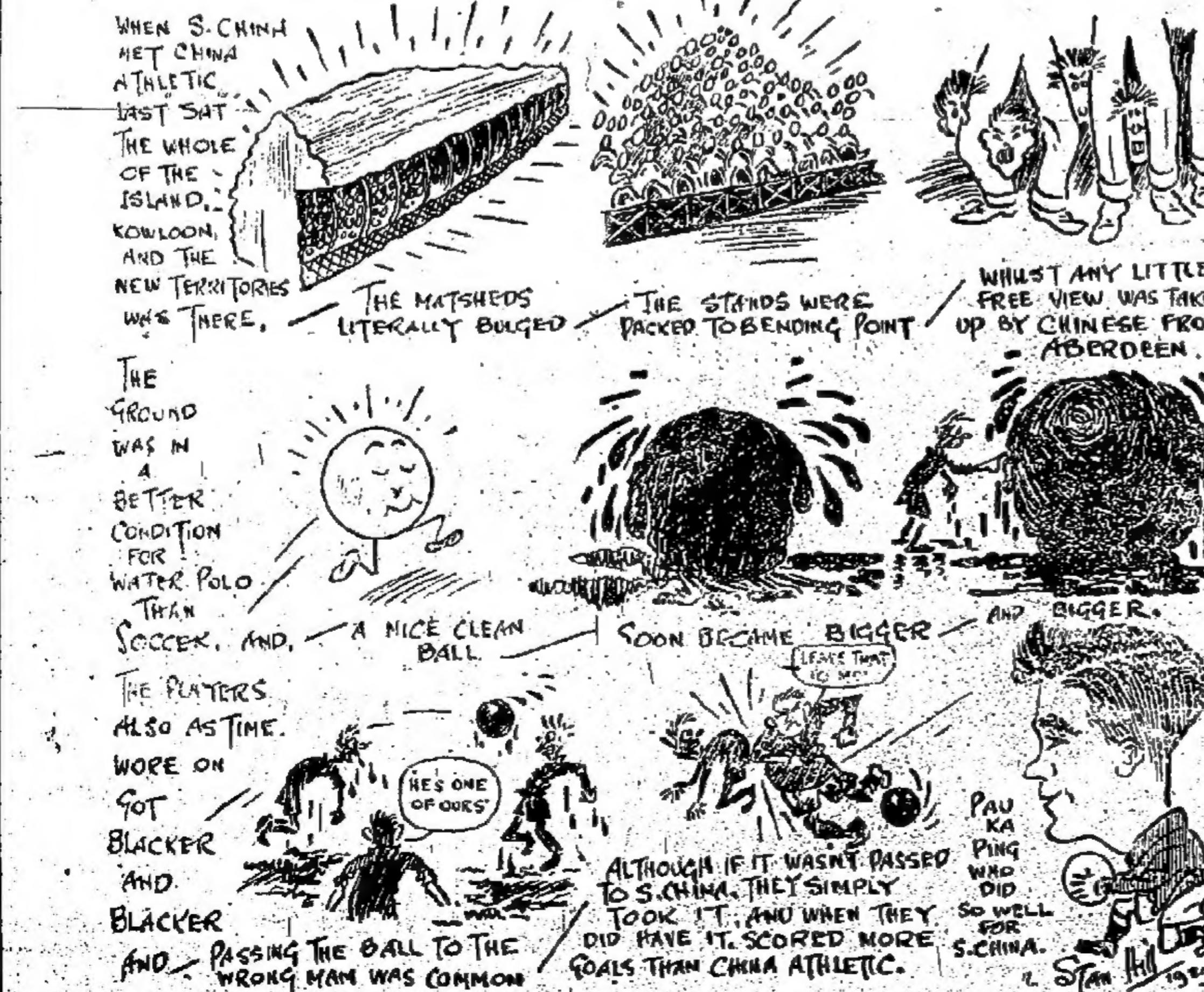
During the course of the race one of the boats came to grief, colliding with a junk and, it is believed, straining a plank causing a leak. No one was injured, however, and the boat returned safely to the Naval Yard.

Entries were sent from H.M.S. "Kent," H.M.S. "Suffolk," H.M.S. all.



Miss Valentine Clemow who comes to us direct from London where she has just appeared in Anita Loos' Spelling Comedy "Gentlemen prefer Blondes." Miss Clemow originally started her career in America and toured the States, then played on Broadway at the Criterion and George M. Cohan Theatres and at the Laemmle Taylor, Lynn Fontaine, etc., in "One Night in Rome," "Happiness," and "Peg O'My Heart." Later when Laurette Taylor toured England in "Peg O'My Heart" and also appeared at different times at the Garrick, Savoy Strand, Prince of Wales, Duke of York Theatres with Sir Charles Hawtrey, Robert Lorraine, Cyril Maude and Fred Terry, Miss Clemow played the lead in "IS ZAT SO!" for James Gleeson besides also appearing in Anita Loos' other success "The Whole Town's Talking." At one time in her career, she played in a film with Norma Talmadge. Particularly clever role in "The Fanatics" the play which narrowly escaped the censor's scissors in London and which is acknowledged to be the most during play of the century.

The Chinese "Derby"



In a "needle" match last Saturday, which may decide the senior championship of the H.K. Amateur Football League, South China A.A. defeated Chinese A.A. by the odd goal in five. Thousands watched the two star Chinese teams in the Colony in determined mood.

JUNGLE ROMANCE

DOLORES DEL RIO COMING TO QUEEN'S

SUSPENSE AND MYSTERY

A romance of unusual beauty, taken against the wild background of a South American jungle, is promised by Fox Films with their release of "The Gateway of the Moon" in which Dolores Del Rio, the Chairmaine of "What Price Glory," has the stellar role of Toni.

It is a tale of strange adventures, primitive passions, and the greed of a man for wealth and power, in which Miss Del Rio plays the part of an Indian girl in love with a young British railway builder, played by Walter Pidgeon.

The story itself is said to contain every element of drama that goes toward making up an enjoyable picture. Suspense, mystery and even humour abound in plentiful measure and are brought into being by a cast of supporting players of unusual merit. Ted MacNamara has a prominent part to play in this new film which will be shown on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Queen's.

A rather serious stabbing affair, resulting in a Chinese named Ho Lai being admitted to the Kowloon Hospital late last night, occurred in Yaumati, when he was mounting the staircase of No. 32 Reclamation-street. Two Chinese are said to have followed him up the staircase, and attacked him unawares, wounding him severely. Before the alarm was raised the two men had escaped. The victim is in a serious condition.

"Cornwall" and H.M.S. "Berwick," there being 20 boats competing in all.

HOME BEAUTIFUL

SOME HINTS ON TASTEFUL DECORATION

CURTAIN HANGERS

Who is not proud of a beautiful home, and how often do we see a house-wife slaving herself in order to make her home the envy of her neighbours and her friends?

We want our homes to be tastefully decorated; we spend a large sum of money on our furnitures, our carpets, our linens, and above all, on our curtains. The last named is a necessity and in most homes we find expensive curtains. Yet, with all the care and money spent on a home, we still find that there is something lacking; something not in harmony. In short, we find there is no real rest in our homes. Why, we ask ourselves, and often as not the problem remains unsolved. "Zimbo" has now come forward to tell us where the fault lies. It is the way we hang our curtains, and when we come to look at it, we undoubtedly find that we have been neglecting this all important factor which contributes to the "restfulness" of our homes.

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Scientist Gets Medal



Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, above, of the University of California, in collaboration with Professor A. A. Michelson of the University of Chicago developed new theories of the velocity of light and have been jointly awarded gold medals by the Society of Arts and Sciences.

Are They Downhearted?



A little matter of a crash was not sufficient to deter the famous French pilots Paillaud and Le Brix in their dash from Orly Aerodrome to Saigon, Indo-China. Le Brix had previously circumnavigated the globe with Costes. The two pilots started their Saigon flight, but came to grief in a forest, a few miles out of Paris. They then got a new machine for the flight.

Life Term for Rum?



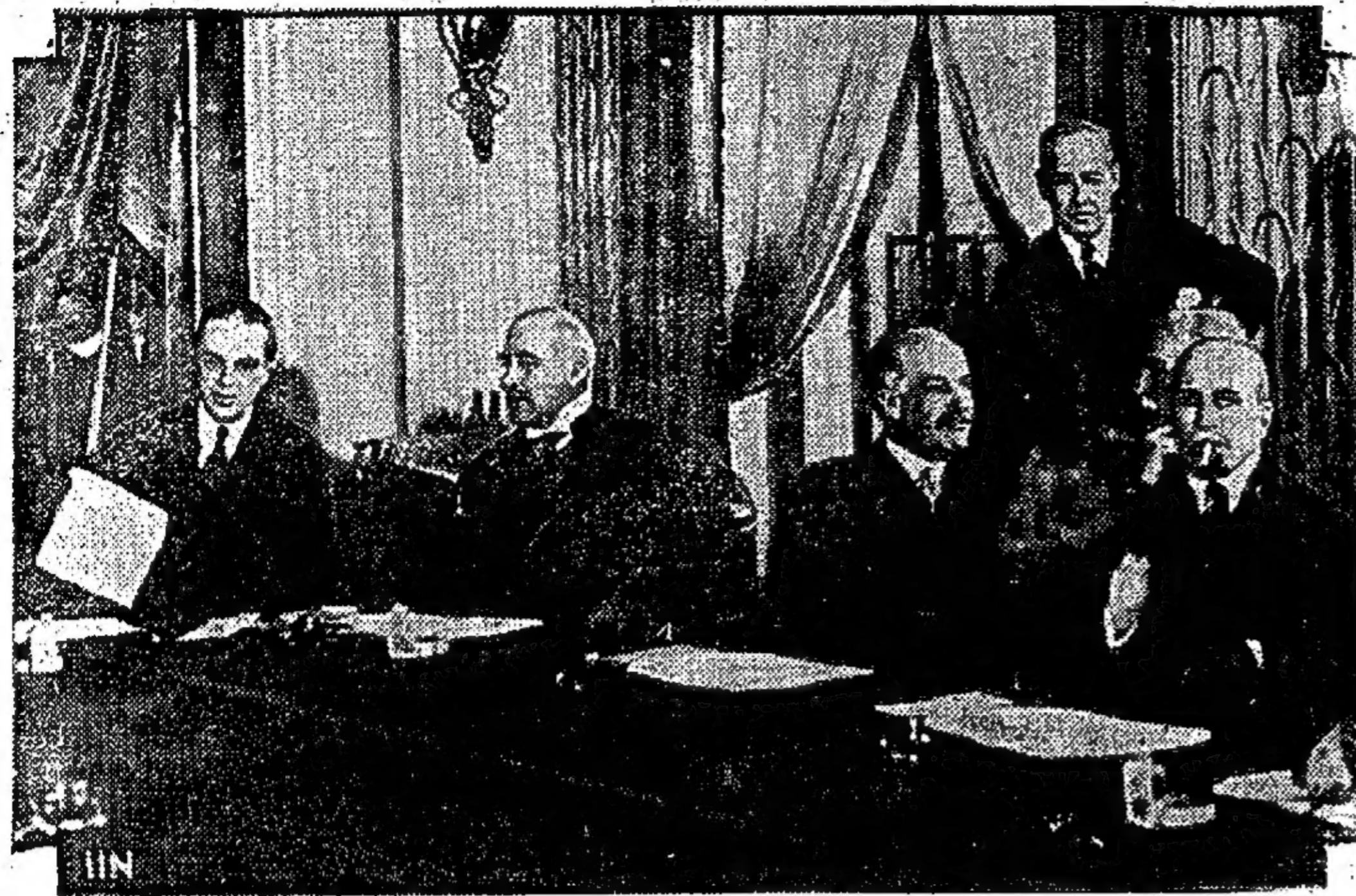
Here is one jurist who definitely revolts at the Michigan law which makes a sentence of life imprisonment mandatory upon persons convicted of four liquor felonies. Judge Vincent M. Brennan of Wayne County (Detroit) told the State Senate he would resign before imposing such a penalty. "I could not sentence a man or woman to life in prison for possession of a forbidden beverage and ever again hope to be at peace with my conscience," he said.

Ready for Shot at Record



Probably the shadow of revolution will not deter Captain Ira Baker, above, from his attempt to set a new record for flight from the Mexican border to Panama City. The pursuit plane pictured here is expected to attain nearly 200 miles per hour and carry the chief pilot of the "Question Mark" a record-making endurance flight to a new record.

Reparations Discussion



Left to right, Owen D. Young, J. P. Morgan, Sir Josiah Stamp (standing), Thomas Lamont, and Lord Revelstoke at the opening of the discussions of German war debts at Paris. No obstacles are being allowed to stand in their way of settling the matter as quickly as possible.

Compromise



Sir Josiah Stamp, a member of the Reparations Committee at Paris.

"Big Bill"



"Thompsonism" was the vital issue in the aldermanic election in Chicago, with Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson waging a bitter fight to retain domination of the City Council.

Father of Tennis Star Dead



"Papa" Lenglen, the man who is responsible for the fame of his daughter Suzanne, has died in Nice. He was for many years secretary of the Nice Lawn Tennis Club, and used to tell how speed and accuracy had been the secrets of his success in teaching his daughter to play the game. It was in order to develop the girl's physique when she was a frail child that "Papa" decided to make her an athlete.

Lindy's "Ma" Comes Home



Heartbroken and distressed at the unfounded story that she would wed Captain F. E. Anderson, the commander of the "President Wilson," Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh rushed weeping into the arms of her son, Charles Lindbergh, who was waiting for her at Quarantine. She was highly elated over his engagement to Anne Morrow and congratulated him heartily.

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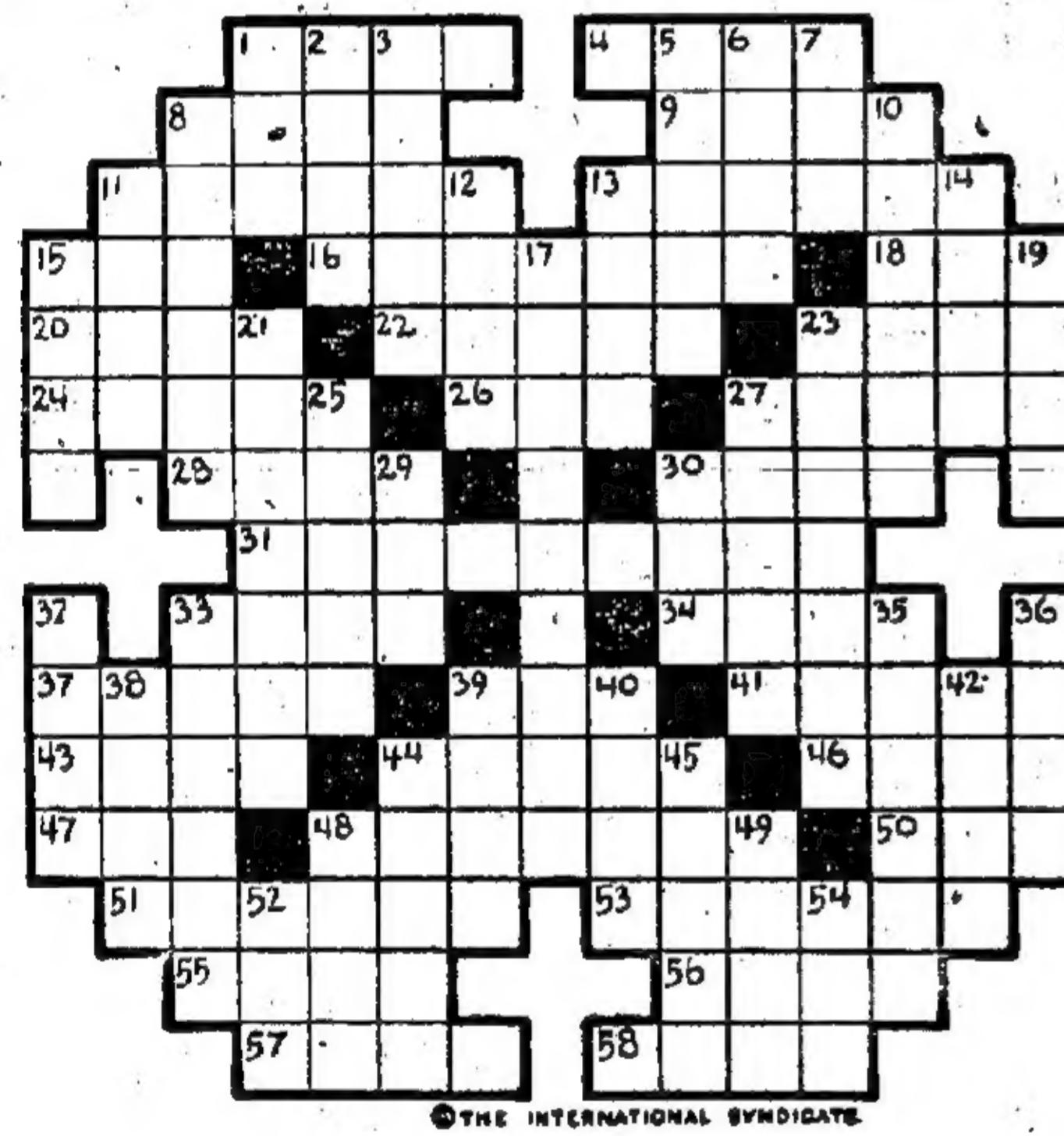
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho*.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Legislative enactments
- 4—Jagged protuberance
- 5—Be preeminent
- 6—Expert aviators
- 11—Judged
- 13—Offensive
- 15—Native
- 16—Egyptian monument
- 18—Tear cotton of seeds
- 20—Terminates
- 22—Proceeding from the sun
- 29—Detest
- 24—Encounters
- 26—State of equality
- 27—Earliest
- 28—Wading bird
- 30—Trot (pl.)
- 31—Aggressive display of boldness
- 33—Painted
- 34—Proprietor
- 37—Foreign
- 39—Liquid measure (pl.—abbr.)

VERTICAL

- 1—Godless
- 2—Collection of tents
- 3—Cards with three spots each
- 4—Spot opposite zenith
- 5—Sour and sharp
- 6—One who dispatches
- 7—Man's name (abbr.)
- 8—One who dispatches
- 9—Sweetens
- 10—Sweetens
- 11—Cheated (gang)
- 12—Discontinue
- 13—Persian poet
- 14—Perches
- 15—Half
- 17—White mineral
- 19—Makes clear profit
- 21—Sheltered, as horses
- 23—Pronoun
- 25—Foghorn
- 27—Lie away
- 29—Statute
- 30—Goddess of dawn
- 32—Lie in warmth
- 33—Harvesting machine
- 35—Argue
- 36—Tip
- 38—Deposited
- 39—Saucy
- 40—Nonprogressive
- 42—Radiate
- 44—Reduces
- 45—Huge
- 48—Forced
- 49—Plum
- 50—Placed
- 52—To tip

The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

VARSITY LECTURES

SOME CURIOSITIES OF MATHEMATICS

INVITATION TO PUBLIC

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Engineering Society and Arts Association two lectures on "Curiosities of Mathematics and Mathematical Philosophy" will be given by Captain J. L. P. Macnair, R.A.

These lectures will deal in a semi-popular way with: Philosophy as the parent of Science; the mysteries of zero and infinity and the fourth dimension; the problems of simultaneity, relativity, gravitation; irregularity of time and inconstancy of size; and, by way of conclusion, with some applications of Mathematical Philosophy to standards and criteria of civilisation.

Captain Macnair is already known to music-lovers in the Colony, by his contributions to con-

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"MAIL" REVIEWS

NEW BOOK ON CHINA'S GREATEST SAGE

"Confucius and His Quest", by Maurice Magre; Thornton Butterworth, 5/-]

It is not easy to classify this book which is an attempt by the distinguished French poet and novelist to illuminate the personality of China's greatest sage rather than an exhaustive chronicle of his life, an imaginative reconstruction of the ancient Chinese world of thought and fantastic imagination. We certainly learn much about the character of Kung Fu-Tze, and more than a little about his older contemporary, Lao Tze, but whether we get correct impressions is a moot point. We do not think many Chinese would agree with Maurice Magre's findings.

In spite of quaintness of phrase and a strong effort after local colour and Celestial naïveté, the flavour of the irony is more French than Chinese and the tone of the philosophy rather Gallic than Eastern. The author seems to think more of Lao Tze's abstract philosophy than of the practical ethics of Confucius, and in one sentence we see his estimate of Confucius whom he describes as "as accurate as justice, cold as morality, inexorable as boredom." Again, as a result of the austere rule of Confucius as prime minister in the ancient Kingdom of Lu, we get: "Happiness diminished as prosperity and morality increased. Boredom, lack of initiative, and the absence of motivating force engendered stupidity. Virtue reigned in the Kingdom of Lu."

Our author, while not withholding his meed of admiration, consider China's venerable sage as a bit of a bore. Thus "He had a deep sense of justice, but his conception of it was inevitably tiresome. He professed the sincerest love for his fellowmen; but his love had a buckler of obligations and rules which rendered it almost as odious as hate." In short Mons. Magre regards Confucius as a kill-joy. On page 145, where we read of the sudden fall of the sanctimonious sage, the author puts forward some of his own ideas: "In a single night was pulled down everything that Confucius had built in the course of many years. For it is building on sand to assume that morals are the foundation of society. That one is foolish who does not feel the hidden beauty of passion, the virtue of disorder, the creative force of pleasure; who overlooks the fact that there is no more satisfying food to nourish the soul, and to uplift it; than love—the simple love of man and maid."

The book is by no means heavy reading, and has many amusing as well as a few pathetic passages. A picturesque, profound, and stimulating book.

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music. (Beka Records supplied through the courtesy of The Canton Trading Association Ltd.).

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor & H.M.V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutris & Co.).

"The Bells Of St. Malo"
"Semper Fidelis March"
The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Cavalleria Rusticana"
"Barcarolle"
H.M.V. New Light Symphony Orchestra.

"Sanctuary Of The Heart"

"In A Chinese Temple Garden"

Organ Solo, Reginald Foote.

"Mountains in Lovers"

"Nirvana"

Tenor, John Turner.

8.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

"Martha" Selection

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Song Of The Sea", Vocal Gems

H.M.V. Light Opera Company.

"Songs Of Ireland"

H.M.V. Light Opera Company.

"La Bohème-Pot-pourri"

Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"Thais—Meditation"

"Tambourin Chinois"

Violin Solo, Fritz Kreisler.

"Ballet Egyptian Suite" (Ludwig)

Victor Concert Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

MODERN ILLS

SOME SUGGESTED REMEDIES FOR THEM

"Not This Man But Barabbas," by W. G. Curtis Morgan; Cecil Palmer, 7/6.]

The story opens in a little Welsh village, Sharon, near Swansea, at the home of Sir Richard Selwyn, Cwmdu. Sir Richard had been knighted for public services during the war, and had purchased this estate, the old home of the Cymric Princess, David Selwyn, the son, has fallen in love with a pretty widow who, unfortunately for his mother's ambitions, is poor and the daughter of a local gardener. Sir Richard and Lady Selwyn do all that is in their power to prevent the marriage, as also does David's great friend, Riva Siva, who visits Cwmdu.

The wedding takes place and the newly married pair go to London but receive no help from anyone. In London things go from bad to worse; the small stock of money gradually dwindles; and David is forced to go out playing his beloved violin to the theatre crowds. By this time they are living in a squalid slum. Then Mary, the wife, develops consumption and dies, leaving her son in the care of David, and a slum friend, Riva Siva finds David and helps him to obtain work, at the London docks, but in a fight with a Bolshevik strike leader, David is thrown into the dock and pneumonia follows. His mother, relenting, rushes to his bedside only to find he is dead.

Thus ends the first part of the book and the actual appearance of the Selwyn family in it.

The second part, under the name of Riva Siva, analyses the life of that gentleman and shows how it was influenced by the painful experiences of his friend, David. Riva Siva meets a Lady Pace at Princeton with whom he falls in love, and to whom he outlines his scheme for World Peace. This he means to establish by a Nordic Confederation and he explains it to Lady Pace at great length.

He finally marries Rosie, the slum friend of David Selwyn, and, as she is living by this time in the house in Wales, settles down there.

The second part of the book leaves one with a far more cheerful outlook on life than the first, which is merely a catalogue of failures. Considering the length, 388 pages of fairly close type, this story is enthralling, mainly because it points out several of the most pressing of modern evils, and does suggest quite reasonable remedies.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

A little Filipino, who was learning his history from spirited American manuals vibrating with liberty, was told to write an essay on the cow. He gave the following: "The cow is an animal with four legs, one in each corner. The cow gives us milk, but as for me give me liberty or give me death."

Little Jimmy surprised his teacher as she was about to go home by asking "What have I learned to-day?" "What a curious question!" exclaimed the teacher. "Why do you ask?" "Well," said Jimmy "they'll want to know when I get home."

"When a man has two wives it is called Bigamy: when he has only one it is called Monogamy."

"People who go to football matches are called expectorators."

"Why are you late Johnnie?" asked teacher.

"Please, mum, it was late when I started from home."

"Then why didn't you start earlier?"

"Please, mum, it was too late to start early."

"Now children," said the teacher, "each one is to write a short essay. Don't try to write grand stuff. Write just what's inside you."

In due time Tommy produced the following: "Inside me there's a heart, a liver, two lungs and a stomach. Inside my stomach is chocolate, mush, rice, stewed prune, toast, etc."

Teacher to absent-minded scholar: "What is the use of the reindeer?"

Boy (blushing) "It makes everything in the garden lovely, Miss."

The Vocative of Cat is Fuss.

Little Isaac brought home a problem from school which asked: "What is wrong with the following sentence: 'Moses Ikestein was a successful business man. He failed to make money'?" Isaac senior didn't even have to think. He promptly placed a comma after the word failed.

"An encyclopaedia is a lot of books full of useless information."

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

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H. G. WELLS

"KING WHO WAS A KING"

"The King Who Was a King," by H. G. Wells; Benn, 7/6.]

Dressed in an elaborate cover this, the latest of Mr. H. G. Wells's contributions to our literature, is perhaps the most original that he has ever written. He deals with the film industry and the production of a film that is of practical use to the world in general. There is a two-fold appeal—one to the great army of film fans and the other to the novel reading public; and to both this book must be more than interesting.

The story is such as Mr. Wells usually produces, one written round a central theme which in this case can be summed up as "can one man be allowed to bring millions of others to misery and horror?" In a way it reminds one of Anthony Hope's stories of small Kingdoms, but the simplicity of style, and the detailed directions so necessary since this is a film scenario as well as a novel, make a world of difference; in fact, they cause this to be perhaps the most peculiar book that has been produced for many years.

The introductory chapter is a clever and well written analysis of the film industry, its growth, its defects, and its influence on modern thought. This alone is a splendid example of Mr. Wells's uncanny method of putting before us problems in an interesting manner.

Should this "Book of a Film" ever be screened it will be a wonderful film, and will also, if its lessons are taken to heart, do good in a world that is undoubtedly tired of strife and profiteering, since it is against both.

MEXICAN LIFE

CAPTAIN'S QUARREL WITH BRIGAND

"The Sentinel of the Desert," by Jackson Gregory; Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6.]

This fascinating story of Mexican life describes the adventures of one "Captain Hawk" and his quarrel with a brigand, Blondino. Hawk arrives, one evening, at a place named The Hidden Hacienda, which is a gambling den run by El Topo. Here he meets Blondino and, during the course of a game of cards, threatens him, and finally escapes taking with him a considerable sum of Blondino's money. In escaping he meets a beautiful girl, from whom he obtains much valuable information regarding the movements of the ringleader of the gang running the gambling den. Acting upon this information he goes into the desert as far as the Blue Smoke Hills, where gold has recently been discovered.

Blondino and his gang also arrive and the little camp becomes a theatre of war. Twice does Captain Hawk save Blondino from being lynched, and also enables him to escape. Later he runs him to earth in his headquarters, to which place he has taken La Guera, the girl who gave Hawk information.

The end of the story is quite conventional, being the usual triumph of right over wrong, but the story itself is unique in many ways and is well worth reading.

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FLOOD DISASTER IN TASMANIA

HOBART ISOLATED

BURSTING OF DAM NEAR A TIN MINE

19 PERSONS DROWNED

Hobart, Yesterday. Unprecedented floods have washed away bridges and destroyed telegraphs and telephones everywhere. Hobart is isolated from the rest of Tasmania except by wireless.

Fourteen persons were drowned in a dam burst at the Briseis tin mine in the township of Derby, while a motor-car was overwhelmed in the floods on the north-west coast and the five occupants drowned. —Reuter.

MACAO'S GOVERNOR

HIS ADMINISTRATION—AN EXCELLENT REVIEW

DEPARTURE ON LEAVE

Macao, Yesterday. His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, accompanied by Mme. Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa and Mlle. Barbosa, has left for Hong Kong preparatory to taking ship for Europe on Sunday, on well-deserved leave after an administration of no less than two years and a half duration.

His Excellency's Governorship has been characterised by steady development of the Colony's resources and the expansion of the Colony's interests. His encouragement of progress has hastened considerable expansion in local development, even bringing to fruition many old schemes that had languished for want of stimulus. Building of houses has progressed on a scale hitherto unprecedented, notably the erection of edifices like the President Hotel, the new Post Office, and scores of houses for residential purposes.

Commercially, the Colony has expanded and the introduction of the Post Office Savings Bank on a large scale, the development of wireless communication, and the encouragement of industries are characteristics that have made themselves felt in Macao. The opening up of Chun Shan by the building of the Kee Kwan Highway presages an era of prosperity ere many years have passed.

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In financial matters Senhor

PETROLEUM WAR

AMERICAN CURTAILMENT PLANS TO PROCEED

A WORLD MONOPOLY

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Holmes, Chairman of the Executive of the Petroleum Committee, recommends that the Committee should proceed with its plans for the curtailment of petroleum production and test the Attorney-General's ruling in the Courts.

On the other hand, Senator Borah, in a personal letter, expresses the opinion that the Royal Dutch, Shell, and Standard Oil Company of



Senator Borah

New Jersey are apparently engaged in forming world monopoly, thus shutting off the possibility of cheap oil reaching the consumer from Russia. —Reuter.

[A New York cable published yesterday stated:—In view of the Attorney General's ruling the question has arisen as to whether the Royal Dutch and Shell interests will continue to co-operate with the American Petroleum Institute's oil restriction scheme. According to the "Journal of Commerce," European oil producers have always been lukewarm with regard to the scheme and it is now believed that they may withdraw their support. It is pointed out that a huge increase in oil production in South America, especially in Venezuela, where the Royal Dutch and Shell Companies are strongly interested, has been projected and restriction to last year's average production figures, as proposed by the Institute, would have involved considerable hardship to the Royal Dutch.]

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ECHO OF EXPLOSION IN HOLBORN

INQUIRY REPORT

USE OF PETROL LIGHTER CAUSE OF TROUBLE

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

London, Yesterday. The Commission of Inquiry reports that the Holborn Explosion was probably due to a gradual accumulation of gas, which, leaking from neighbouring mains, ignited in a manhole by some action on the part of one or three Post Office workmen—probably by Percy Thrower (who was killed)—using a petrol lighter.

The report recommends the immediate examination of the whole Post Office tube installation and an adequate system of continuous ventilation.—Reuter.

[The disaster, it will be remembered, occurred last December, and caused tremendous excitement in the Holborn district.]

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

PROGRAMME FOR H.M.S. "CLEOPATRA"

CHINA STATION RELIEFS

H.M.S. "Cleopatra," "Dartmouth" and "Carysfort" are due to arrive in Hong Kong on Monday morning with reliefs from Home for the China Station. "Cleopatra" will then sail from Hong Kong so as to arrive at Woosung on April 21. She will then proceed to Shanghai on April 23 for exchange of personnel with H.M.S. "Bee," "Aphie" and "Teal" of the Yangtze Gunboat Flotilla. "Cleopatra" will then sail for Hong Kong on April 24 and leave Hong Kong on April 30 to return Home, the programme being as follows:

	Arrive	Depart
Singapore	May 5	May 7
Colombo	12	14
Aden	22	24
Port Said	29	31
Malta	June 3	June 5
Gibraltar	8	10
Sheerness	14	

REPARATIONS

HOPEFUL SIGNS OF A SETTLEMENT

PRESS OPTIMISTIC

Paris, Yesterday.

The atmosphere at the Reparations' Experts' Conference is now regarded as hopeful. As the result of interviews with Dr. Schacht with the heads of the principal creditor delegations, the Germans, it is officially learned, will discuss the allied minimum demand. It is anticipated that Dr. Schacht will endeavour to whittle down the Bill, but the French Press is now optimistic as to a settlement. Reuter.

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